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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172;

Consent to the Transfer of Control of Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Section 214 and 310(d) of Communications Act, , WT Docket No. 07-208;

Applications for the Transfer of Certain Spectrum Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont from Verizon Communications Inc. and Its Subsidiaries to FairPoint Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 07-22

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Mr. Thomas Tauke, Ms. Susanne Guyer, and Mr. Michael Glover, representing Verizon, met with FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, Mr. Dan Gonzalez and Mr. Ian Dillner.

Representatives of Verizon reviewed a Petition for Reconsideration filed by Verizon Wireless on November 16 asking the commission to rescind its decision to extend the comment period in WT Docket No. 07-208. Verizon discussed the reason for that request as explained in its Petition for Reconsideration.

Verizon also urged the Chairman to issue a decision on the FairPoint transaction as expeditiously as possible. That Petition has been pending since January 31, 2007.

Verizon also discussed its Petitions for Forbearance for six MSAs as referenced above. Specifically, Verizon discussed the significant levels of facilitates-based competition in these MSAs. The Verizon representatives reviewed the Commissions previous forbearance decisions and explained the reasons why forbearance is warranted for these MSAs. That discussion reflects comments made in Verizon's ex parte letter filed November 16.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

cc: Ian Dillner
Dan Gonzalez