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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;**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Mr. Thomas Tauke, Ms. Susanne Guyer, and Mr. Michael Glover, representing Verizon, met with FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell and Mr. John Hunter, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell.

Verizon 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".

cc: John Hunter