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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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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*

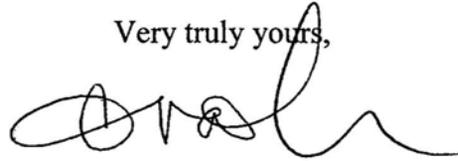
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached are revised versions of charts provided by Verizon in its ex parte meeting on November 30, 2007. Consistent with that meeting, the revised charts include Verizon's retail residential lines from October 2007, rather than September 2007; they include Verizon's retail residential lines for 1999, the year they peaked; and they include MCI's residential retail lines from October 2007, rather than December 2006. These charts confirm that in the Virginia Beach and Providence MSAs (including the state of Rhode Island), Verizon has lost more than half of its retail residential switched access lines, and that Verizon is able specifically to attribute most if not all of these losses to the gains made by competitive providers. These charts therefore demonstrate yet again that Verizon is subject to intense and growing competition, and that forbearance is therefore appropriate.

The Attachment contains Confidential Information and has been marked "CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" in accordance with the First Protective Order in this proceeding.¹ A redacted version of this submission is being filed electronically on ECFS.

¹ *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, Order ¶ 5, WC Docket No. 06-172, DA 06-1870 (rel. Sept. 14, 2006).*

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan T. Leo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

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