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Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 Twelfth Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 20054

**RE: *Application of Rural Cellular Corporation and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless; WT Docket No. 07-208; DA 074192; File No. 0003155487, et al.***

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Today, Holly Rachel Smith representing the Vermont Department of Public Service, together with Christopher J. Campbell, Director for Telecommunications of the Vermont Department of Public Service, participated in a tele-conference with Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to Chairman Kevin J. Martin.

Representatives of the Vermont Department of Public Service (the "Department") reviewed Comments it filed in response to Verizon Wireless' request that the Commission reconsider its decision to extend the comment cycle in the above-referenced proceeding. Representatives also referenced the Department's Petition to Condition Approval or Deny, as well as recent *ex parte* communications and notices filed by Verizon Wireless. The representatives noted their interest in the specifics of Verizon Wireless' recently announced divestiture plans. Specifically, with respect to the portion of the State of Vermont where Verizon Wireless will acquire RCC's cellular spectrum, the Department is interested in gaining a better understanding of Verizon Wireless' commitment to maintain the GSM network until "a GSM operator begins to offer service there."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

Holly Rachel Smith

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Service*

cc: Aaron Goldberger  
Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
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