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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996-Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and other Customer Information, CC Docket No. 96-115**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Karen Zacharia, Jackie Ruff, and the undersigned of Verizon met with John Hunter of Commissioner McDowell's office to discuss the afore-mentioned proceeding. In the meeting, Verizon explained its concerns about potential new rules the FCC is considering regarding the foreign storage or access of CPNI generated in the United States. We discussed why a prohibition on foreign storage or access of CPNI would have important international trade policy implications given that the United States has promoted the free flow of information across borders to enable U.S. companies to effectively compete abroad. Verizon urged the FCC to take a balanced approach in addressing this issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Epps".