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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech to Speech Services for Individuals With Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 5, James Castagna, Mary Crespy, Sherry Ingram and myself from Verizon met with Nick Alexander, Ann Stevens and Julie Veach from the Wireline Competition Bureau; Alan Amann, Thomas Chandler, Greg Hlibok and Michael Jacobs from the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau; and Eric Ehrenreich from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau to discuss VRS numbering issues.

In the discussion, Verizon stated that, as a contributor to the TRS fund and our customers' first point of contact for communications services, it is interested in ensuring that any VRS numbering solution is cost effective and efficient. Verizon believes any VRS numbering solution should be developed from the end user's perspective, should be based on industry standards (not proprietary systems), should not advantage or disadvantage any TRS provider or other company, and should be based on forward-looking, IP-based technology.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard T. Ellis".

cc: Nick Alexander
Alan Amann
Thomas Chandler
Eric Ehrenreich
Greg Hlibok
Michael Jacobs
Ann Stevens
Julie Veach