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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of Verizon For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements - WC Docket No. 07-273; Petition of AT&T Inc. For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C § 160 From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Cost Assignment Rules – WC Docket No. 07-21; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98; and Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 99-68

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Susanne Guyer and Mike Glover of Verizon met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and John Hunter, Senior Legal Advisor for Commissioner McDowell. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's order granting AT&T forbearance from the federal cost assignment rules. Verizon indicated that the Commission's logic in granting AT&T forbearance was not limited to relief granted to AT&T. Verizon also discussed intercarrier compensation reform. Verizon stated that Internet calling is an important focus of intercarrier compensation reform. The Commission should address Internet voice, clarify that it is an 'interstate' service, and decide IP-related compensation matters. IP is an important growth engine for the entire sector, and the commission should encourage competition and a level playing field so customers enjoy new services faster. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

cc: John Hunter