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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Atlantis Holdings, LLC (Transferor) and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
(Transferee) WT Docket 08-95  
Written Ex Parte

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Consumers Union, Free Press, Media Access Project and Public Knowledge ("CU et al."), by undersigned counsel, submit this letter commenting on the July 23, 2008 Motion for Extension of Time filed in the above-referenced proceeding by the Rural Telecommunications Group ("RTG").

By *ex parte* letter filed just three short days before the current deadline for petitions to deny, Verizon Wireless submitted what can only be characterized as a major amendment to the pending applications, offering to divest overlapping spectrum in 85 markets, including all or part of 17 states, and indicating a willingness to unilaterally modify the terms of existing roaming agreements with regional, small and/or rural carriers. (See Letter, dated July 22, 2008 from John T. Scott, III of Verizon Wireless to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, posted on ECFS on July 23, 2008). Interested parties cannot reasonably be expected to analyze and respond to such major changes in three days, or even in the seven additional days sought by the RTG.

CU et al. urge the Commission to promptly issue a public notice initiating a new pleading cycle, establishing the deadline for filing petitions as August 22, 2008 (30 days from availability of the major amendment); for oppositions, September 2, 2008; and for replies, September 9, 2008.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry A. Blosser

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