



July 24, 2008

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

Re: WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Cattlemen's Association reaches out to people in the small towns and on the farms and ranches of this country and advocates on their behalf. Since the birth of our nation, rural Americans have been the bedrock of our society. Sadly, sometimes we have been among the last to benefit from the exciting innovations that modern technology brings us.

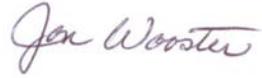
We believe the merger between Verizon Wireless and Alltel will boost competition in the cell phone industry while bringing broadband and its innovations to all Americans – whether they live in downtown or on the farm.

As an established wireless carrier, Verizon Wireless has the breadth and depth to make the significant investment in rural infrastructure that is so desperately needed. It has already poured billions into a new portion of the wireless spectrum just to deliver new high-speed (broadband) service to more Americans.

Verizon Wireless and Alltel already share the same CDMA wireless technology, so customers won't experience any annoying technological hiccups during the transition process. We understand that Verizon is even going to work with Alltel's current roaming carrier partners to make sure roaming services are not interrupted during the whole transition. Beyond that, Verizon is known already for having a large nationwide network. That means that Alltel's customers will enjoy the increased reach and quality that comes with such an established firm. Since rural Americans are in such desperate need of broadband technology, this merger is critical to us.

This merger is good for the farmers and ranchers of this country as well as all those living in small towns and rural areas. We ask for you to quickly approve this combination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Wooster".

Jon Wooster
President
U.S. Cattlemen's Association