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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Petitions of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Phoenix, and Seattle Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 07-97; Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write to inform the Commission that counsel for XO Communications, Inc. and for Comcast Corporation have authorized me to state that they consent to the relief requested in Verizon's Emergency Motion To Modify Protective Order, filed in these dockets on July 30, 2008. I understand from counsel for Cox Communications, Inc. that Cox has filed (or will soon file) its own letter expressing its consent to the relief requested in that motion. As a result, *all parties* with confidential information contained in the *Qwest 4 MSA Forbearance Order* have consented to the limited modification to the Protective Orders that Verizon has requested.¹

Consistent with the Bureau's ruling granting Verizon's prior motion for modification of protective orders in other forbearance dockets, that uniform consent should expedite the granting of Verizon's motion.

¹ Verizon notes that footnote 128 of the *Qwest 4 MSA Forbearance Order* contains certain confidential information submitted in the Reply Comments of the Arizona Corporation Commission. It is Verizon's understanding — from reviewing the Order and the Reply Comments, and from discussions with Qwest's counsel — that the confidential information in footnote 128 is *Qwest's* information; therefore, Qwest's consent to the relief Verizon has requested encompasses the information in this footnote.

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Respectfully submitted,

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