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Ex Parte

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

Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; and Applications of Alltel and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Tom Tauke, Susanne Guyer, and Michael Glover of Verizon met with Chairman Kevin Martin, Dan Gonzalez, Chief of Staff to Chairman Martin, and Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss intercarrier compensation and universal service reform and to discuss Verizon Wireless' acquisition of Alltel.

Verizon expressed strong support for comprehensive intercarrier compensation reform. Verizon emphasized that there is broad industry consensus that the current system is in urgent need of reform and an overhaul is essential to promoting the continued growth of new innovative services and networks. Verizon also stated that the company will shortly provide the Commission a proposed plan for such reform. Verizon also urged the Commission to move forward on reforming the universal service system, consistent with Verizon's previously filed reform proposals. In particular, Verizon urged the Commission to adopt a telephone-number based system for assessing universal service contributions.

Verizon also discussed its acquisition of Alltel, including progress at the Department of Justice with respect to its review of the transaction reflected in the July 22 ex parte letter submitted by Verizon Wireless. The positions expressed were consistent with Verizon's prior submissions on this matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: Dan Gonzalez
Aaron Goldberger