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Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte*
Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of CMRS Providers
WT Docket No. 05-265; and**

**Applications of Alltel Corporation and Verizon Wireless
WT Docket No. 08-95**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. (RTG) submits this letter in reference to the above-captioned proceedings currently before the Commission. Recent filings opposing the Alltel/Verizon merger have been made by numerous parties that specifically provide anecdotal information relevant to the “in-market roaming exception” currently under consideration by the FCC in WT Docket No. 05-265 involving the Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of CMRS Providers (“Roaming Docket”).

RTG respectfully requests that the Commission postpone any decision or action dealing with in-market roaming exceptions under the Roaming Docket until it has had ample time to carefully review the various filings in the proceeding involving the Applications of Alltel Corporation and Verizon Wireless. RTG believes that it is in the public interest to postpone taking any action on the petitions for reconsideration in the Roaming Docket until the complete record is developed in the Alltel/Verizon proceeding (WT Docket No. 08-95). A complete record will enhance the Commission’s decision making process and will not cause prejudicial harm to any of the parties.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc.

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