



August 22, 2008

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

RE: Verizon Wireless/ Alltel Corporation Transfer of Control Applications, WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Native American Television (NATV), I would like to offer our enthusiastic support for the proposed merger of Verizon Wireless with Alltel. The benefits of the merger, especially in bringing advanced wireless broadband to rural areas, are a productive fit with the NATV mission of serving Native America through multimedia.

NATV is training a new generation of Native American communicators to use multimedia technology to enhance communications among Tribal Nations while educating our fellow Americans about Native American heritage, culture and issues. NATV is a resource for telling the Native American story, past and present, and preserving the traditions that are among our greatest resources.

The Internet is a rapidly growing source of video distribution. It is a high-potential resource providing Native Americans with quality information and entertainment at an affordable cost. Utilizing this resource demands broadband connectivity. By combining the advanced wireless broadband technology of Verizon Wireless with Alltel's extensive coverage in rural America, the Verizon Wireless/Alltel combination would accelerate delivery of broadband to Native American homes, schools, health clinics and businesses.

In addition to its specific benefits for Native Americans, the acquisition will be an asset for all consumers. It will create a second, well-equipped nationwide competitor with the knowledge and commitment to keep investing in wireless broadband technology. The result would appear to be a good value for consumers in all parts of the country. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. May". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James H. May, Chairman  
Board of Directors

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