



Consumers United  
For Affordable Advanced  
Communications Services

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

*In the matter of Verizon Wireless/ Alltel Corporation Transfer of Control Applications,  
WT Docket No. 08-95*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Communications Consumers United, I am writing to voice support for the proposed merger of Verizon Wireless and Alltel Corporation.

CCU is a not-for-profit advocacy group encouraging the rapid deployment of advanced communications products and services in the United States. We also support universal access to those products and services, with special emphasis on the needs of minorities, rural and low-income users.

The merger of Verizon Wireless and Alltel furthers CCU's objectives, thanks to its positive effect on competition in the wireless marketplace. Competition improves access and service and guarantees that that all consumers have affordable and comparable communications products and services. Bringing these two companies together will actually improve the competitive landscape for customers, especially in traditional rural Alltel service areas.

The merger is also in concert with CCU's goal of rapid deployment of advanced communications. It will immediately bring customers a wider line of products and services, a broader national footprint, and leading-edge technology platforms, all without switching carriers. The expanded roaming areas growing out of the merger will benefit not only Alltel and Verizon Wireless customers but also their partners' customers as well.

Considering its consumer benefits, Communications Consumers United views the merger of Verizon Wireless and Alltel Corporation as a positive development, and we urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve it.

Sincerely,

*Vera L. McIntyre*

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Chairwoman