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EX PARTE

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

Re: Petition of AT&T Inc. For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160 From Enforcement Of Certain of the Commission's Cost Assignment Rules, WC Docket No. 07-21; Petition of AT&T Inc. For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160 From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-139; Petition of Verizon For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-273; Petition of Owest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160, WC Docket No. 07-204; et al.; Applications of Alltel and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 08-95; and Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, WT Docket No.05-265

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy & Communications, Susanne Guyer, Senior Vice President – Federal Regulatory Affairs, of Verizon, and John Scott, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, of Verizon Wireless, met with Commissioner McDowell, and Angela Giancarlo and Nick Alexander, Legal Advisors to Commissioner McDowell. Verizon discussed three topics: Verizon Wireless' acquisition of Alltel, in market roaming, and the ATT ARMIS Forbearance Petition.

Verizon explained the benefits of the Alltel acquisition to customers, which include improved service, expanded network coverage, and greater choice of wireless services, devices and rate plans. The positions expressed by the Verizon representatives were consistent with the July 22, 2008 ex parte letter submitted by Verizon Wireless as well as comments filed on the record. Verizon also reviewed its position on in-market roaming as reflected in the September 3, 2008 ex parte letter filed by Verizon Wireless in the above referenced proceeding.

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Lastly, the Verizon representatives urged the Commission to approve the ATT request for ARMIS Forbearance and extend the grant of forbearance to Verizon and other similarly situation carriers. Verizon also urged the Commission in this order to extend to Verizon and others in the industry the same forbearance relief earlier granted to ATT from cost assignment rules.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne D. Burkett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

cc: Nick Alexander
Angela Giancarlo