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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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**Re: In re Applications of ATLANTIS HOLDINGS LLC, Transferor, and CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, Transferee for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act
WT Docket No. 08-95**

**Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers
WT Docket No. 05-265**

Ex Parte Notice

On Friday, October 3, 2008, Brian Ford of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), and Carri Bennet of Bennet and Bennet, PLLC on behalf of the Rural Telecommunications Group (RTG) (collectively, the "Associations") met with Wayne Leighton of Commissioner Deborah Tate's office to discuss the proposed merger of Verizon Wireless and ALLTEL Wireless. The Associations expressed their view that the merger has the potential to seriously harm rural consumers, and thus the Commission should thoroughly examine the many questions this transaction raises, including holding a hearing pursuant to Section 309(e).¹

Sincerely,

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¹ 47 U.S.C. § 309(e).