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**Ex Parte**

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

**Re: Applications of Alltel and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 08-95; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122; In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President-Public Affairs, Policy and Communications, and Susanne Guyer, Senior Vice President – Federal Regulatory Affairs, of Verizon met with Commissioner Michael Copps, Bruce Gottlieb and Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisors to Commissioner Copps. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss comprehensive reform of the intercarrier compensation and universal service systems. Verizon discussed its proposals for reform and explained the importance of rationalizing the current intercarrier compensation regime. In particular, Verizon explained why now is the time for the Commission to move forward to transform the current broken intercarrier compensation system into one that is more appropriate for the new communications market.

Verizon also addressed its acquisition of Alltel. Verizon explained how this transaction will benefit existing Alltel customers. These benefits include expanded network coverage and greater choice of wireless services, devices and rate plans. Verizon also referenced its commitment to divest 15 additional cellular markets as described in a letter filed with the Commission on October 7. These cellular markets are in addition to 85 cellular markets previously identified for divestiture and described in a July 22 letter filed with the Commission.

The positions expressed were consistent with Verizon's prior submissions on this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: Scott Deutchman  
Bruce Gottlieb