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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: 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.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 17, 2008, Tom Tauke, Susanne Guyer and Mike Glover, representing Verizon, met with Commissioner Tate and Greg Orlando to discuss Verizon's views on comprehensive reform of the intercarrier compensation and universal service systems. In the meeting, Verizon explained the importance of taking a rational and balanced approach to reforming both systems. In particular, Verizon explained the importance of applying a uniform terminating rate to all traffic that touches the public-switched network, and expressed support for a numbers-based universal service contribution methodology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Epps".