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EX PARTE

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

Re: 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 21, 2008, Kathleen Grillo and Chris Miller of Verizon and Tamara Preiss of Verizon Wireless met with Amy Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Kevin Martin, and Scott Bergmann, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein.

Verizon discussed its joint proposal with AT&T for implementing a numbers-based USF contribution mechanism. Verizon also expressed concern about a hybrid contribution system based on numbers for residential services and revenues for business services. Verizon stated that leaving business services on a revenues system would continue and even exacerbate the problems with the current rules, which include the need to make difficult distinctions between telecommunications and information services, and between interstate and other services, as well as varying interpretations of assessable services among competitors. Verizon also discussed the modifications to the joint Verizon-AT&T proposal filed on October 20, 2008.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".

cc: Amy Bender
Scott Bergmann