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

Re: Petition of Verizon New England for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160 in Rhode Island, WC Docket No. 08-24; Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in Cox's Service Territory in the Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 08-49

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 28, 2009, Danny Bottoms and Francie McComb of Cavalier Telephone, Keith Wilson and Bill Haas of PAETEC, Dale Schmick of Yourtel, Steve Crawford of Alpheus Communications, Debbie Ward of TSI, Dan Boynton of Zone Telecom, Dennis McCarthy of PacWest, Pat Bennett and Doug Carlen of Covad, Paul Schieber of Sprint, Jim Butman of TDS MetroCom, David Eckmann of FPL Fibernet, Gary Fry of Americatel, and Jerry James and the undersigned of COMPTEL met with Commissioner McDowell and Nick Alexander regarding the above-captioned Petitions of Verizon for forbearance from unbundling and dominant carrier regulation in the State of Rhode Island and in the Cox service territory in the Virginia Beach MSA.

The parties urged the Commission to deny the Petitions as unsupported by evidence of sufficient competition to warrant relief from statutory and regulatory obligations.

Should you have any questions relating to this submission, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/

Mary C. Albert

cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell
Nick Alexander