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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Applications Filed by Frontier Communications Corporation and Verizon Communications Inc. for Assignment or Transfer of Control*, WC Docket No. 09-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ADTRAN is one of the leading suppliers of broadband access equipment to Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 service providers across the United States. As an equipment supplier to both Verizon and Frontier, ADTRAN fully support this transaction (WC Docket No. 09-95) because it will well serve the public interest.

ADTRAN believes this transaction will move broadband forward in the communities associated with this transaction. Frontier has a strong track record of deploying broadband in its primarily rural service areas – which are even more rural than the areas to be acquired from Verizon. By the end of 2008, Frontier had already made broadband connections available to over 90% of its customers.

ADTRAN believes this transaction will benefit the telecommunications customers in the communities associated with this transaction. Frontier has said it will target increased broadband availability in the properties being acquired, and its past performance fully supports such a commitment. Frontier has also said it will implement its local community/engagement model that includes a commitment to be active in the local communities it serves and to have General Managers present in every service area.

ADTRAN believes this transaction will benefit businesses and equipment vendors. Broadband has become a major component of growth in the economy. Indeed, in recent years, Frontier has invested billions of dollars in its broadband infrastructure. This transaction with Verizon can only further Frontier's investment in broadband, which in turn enables new businesses to enter the marketplace and will increase capital spending with equipment vendors, which ultimately results in job creation. Given today's economy, such opportunities are welcome and necessary.

We are very excited about this transaction and the public benefit it will provide to the communities and businesses associated with this transaction. Please let me know if you have any questions, as we would be pleased to provide any further input required in support of this transaction.

Sincerely,

/s/

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