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Ex Parte

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

Re: A National Broadband Plan for our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 9, 2009, Brian Rice, David Young, and Will Johnson of Verizon met with Sharon Gillett, Chief of Wireline Competition Bureau, and Julie Veach, Marcus Maher, and Jennifer Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss matters raised in the above-captioned proceedings.

Verizon discussed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding net neutrality rules, currently on the agenda for the Commission's October 22 open meeting. Verizon stressed the importance of the Commission's process being fact-based and data-driven. To the extent the Commission ultimately determines that any action is necessary, we urged the Commission to consider a full range of potential options, and not just prescriptive rules, to protect consumers' access to the benefits of the open Internet. In particular, Verizon referenced efforts within the broadband industry to develop standards for transparency and disclosure.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rice".

CC: Julie Veach

Marcus Maher

Jennifer Prime