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**EX PARTE**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Review of the Commission's Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements, MB Docket Nos. 07-29 and 07-198; National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; and Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and Communications, and Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President - Federal Regulatory Affairs, met with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff, and Bruce Gottlieb, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski.

During the meeting, Verizon addressed two categories of issues that are the subject of ongoing proceedings. First, Verizon addressed the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking on net neutrality. We expressed our desire to work constructively with the FCC in the pending proceeding, but reiterated our view that the Commission should not adopt rules that would effectively dictate the structure of what is still a new and evolving industry. We stated that regulation applying to mobile broadband services would be particularly problematic. We also stated that, to the extent that the FCC takes any action, it should focus its efforts on transparency and should focus on all providers in the Internet space. Verizon also stressed the importance of and efforts to improve industry self governance in the Internet ecosystem.

Second, Verizon expressed views in a manner consistent with Verizon's previous submissions on the need for universal service reform, efforts to promote broadband adoption, and access to regional sports programming. Verizon also responded to questions regarding Verizon Wireless' current policies as to early termination fees (ETFs) and how they are disclosed to customers.

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Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Gilh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'G'.

cc: Edward Lazarus  
Bruce Gottlieb