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March 16, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Application of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. and Verizon Wireless For Consent to Assign
or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations
WT Docket No. 09-119

Applications of AT&T Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless For Consent
To Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, and Modify a Spectrum
Leasing Arrangement
WT Docket No. 09-104

Ex Parte Notice

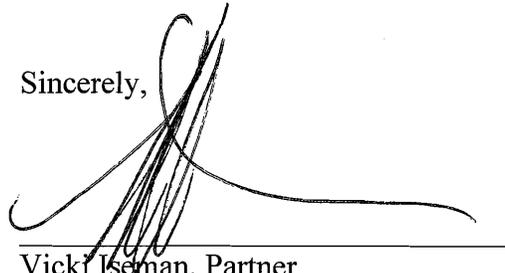
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 16, 2010, Vicki Iseman and Tatanya Szeliga met with Mr. Thomas Reed, Director of the Office of Communications and Business Opportunities; Ms. Carolyn Fleming Williams, Senior Deputy Director of the Office of Communications and Business Opportunities; and Mr. Gilberto De Jesus, Attorney Advisor for the Enforcement Bureau's Investigations and Hearings Division, to discuss the above-referenced docketed proceedings.

In this meeting we discussed the nation's continuing trend towards media consolidation and the lack of business opportunities for independent small and economically disadvantaged businesses. In particular, we explained that the required divestitures of overlapping assets provides a rare opportunity for independent small and economically disadvantaged businesses to participate in telecommunications ownership opportunities and fulfill the Commission's statutory mandate to promote competition and manage the spectrum in the public interest. Given these important public policy goals, the Verizon process has set these goals back by soundly rejecting viable independent small business bids in favor of partners with whom Verizon or its broker Morgan Stanley has existing business interests. In addition, we provided FCC staff with written materials, copies of which are attached to this letter.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed with the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vicki Iseman, Partner
Alcalde & Fay

cc: Thomas Reed
Carolyn Fleming Williams
Gilberto De Jesus