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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191; Application of Verizon Communications, Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic Section 214 Authority, WC Docket No. 09-95; Applications of AT&T Inc. and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations and Modify Spectrum Leasing Arrangements, WT Docket No. 09-104; and Applications of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 09-119

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 7, 2010, 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 to Chairman Genachowski, and Bruce Gottlieb Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski.

During the meeting, Verizon addressed several issues. First, Verizon discussed Tom Tauke's recent remarks to the New Democrat Network. In that speech, Mr. Tauke indicated the current communications statute is badly out of date and that Congress should take a fresh look at our nation's communications policy framework. This new framework for the Internet ecosystem should 1) empower consumers, 2) protect consumers' online safety, 3) focus on increasing adoption and 4) provide a backstop when there is consumer harm or anticompetitive behavior.

Second, 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 also stressed the importance of and efforts to improve industry self governance in the Internet ecosystem.

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Lastly, Verizon addressed its two pending transactions. We urged the Commission to promptly approve Verizon's pending application for transfer of control and assignment of certain licenses and authorizations in connection with the Frontier transaction and Verizon Wireless' proposed transfer of licenses and authorizations to satisfy the divestiture obligations imposed by the FCC as a condition of Verizon Wireless' merger with Alltel.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

cc: Edward Lazarus
Bruce Gottlieb