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Ex Parte

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

Re: In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry Practices, GN Docket No. 09-191 and Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 21, 2010, Brian Rice and Will Johnson of Verizon met with Christine Kurth, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell. We discussed the proposal to classify broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Act. While we expressed our desire to work constructively with the FCC on alternatives, we noted our concern about the potential legal and economic consequences of applying common carrier rules to broadband services. The presentation was consistent with comments previously filed by Verizon in the above mentioned proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Christine Kurth