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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Re: National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-137**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 7, 2010, Michael Glover and Kathleen Grillo of Verizon met with Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker and Charles Mathias, Brad Gillen, and Christi Shewman, legal advisors to Commissioner Baker.

Verizon discussed the proposal to classify broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Act. Verizon reiterated concerns about the potential consequences of applying common carrier rules to broadband services and the ramifications of that theory for broadband and Internet services. Verizon also discussed the legal rationale for the proposal. We recommended that the FCC explore alternative solutions, including targeted legislation and cooperative industry initiatives to build consensus on technical and policy matters.

We also raised the Commission's Section 706 Report and stated our view that the broadband marketplace is vibrant and competitive and that broadband is being deployed in a reasonable and timely manner in the United States.

The positions expressed were consistent with Verizon's filings in these 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: Commissioner Baker  
Charles Mathias  
Brad Gillen  
Christi Shewman