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EX PARTE

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

RE: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Universal Service Reform, Mobility Fund, WT Docket No. 10-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 15, Tamara Preiss, Alan Buzacott, Christopher Miller, and the undersigned, all of Verizon, met with Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Rebekah Goodheart, Michael Steffen, Elise Kohn, Amy Bender, and Patrick Halley of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Verizon's views regarding the upcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Connect America Fund recommended in the National Broadband Plan. We indicated that Verizon generally supports the high cost universal service reform recommendations in the National Broadband Plan, including the proposal to repurpose the high cost fund for broadband. We expressed support for keeping the size of the universal service fund (USF) reasonable and using a market-based mechanism such as competitive bidding to distribute broadband support on a technology-neutral basis to a single broadband provider in a supported area.

With respect to the proposed Connect America Fund in particular, we indicated that support should be targeted first to unserved areas with no broadband availability. We said support should be based on realistic deployment measures and that a wireless carrier that may receive support from the more limited mobility program should not be precluded from participating in the Connect America Fund. We also discussed phasing out current support for standalone voice services on a consistent basis across all carriers.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie McCreedy".

cc: Sharon Gillett
Carol Matthey
Rebekah Goodheart
Elise Kohn

Amy Bender
Patrick Halley
Michael Steffen