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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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 21, 2010, Tom Tauke, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and Communications, and Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President – Federal Regulatory Affairs had a discussion with Commissioner Robert McDowell and Christine Kurth, Legal Advisor and Policy Counsel to Commissioner McDowell.

Verizon discussed its opposition to any FCC action that would apply common carrier rules to broadband services. We expressed our desire to work constructively with the FCC, but reiterated our view that the FCC should not adopt rules that would effectively dictate the structure of what is still a new and evolving industry. Rather than attempting to make the new world of broadband fit into the regulatory scheme of the old telephone world, we stressed that the FCC should acknowledge that this is an issue Congress should address. The positions expressed were consistent with Verizon's filings in this proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".