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Ex Parte

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

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45;
Lifeline and Link Up, WC Docket No. 03-109**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 23, 2011, Kathleen Grillo, Chris Miller and the undersigned of Verizon met with Zac Katz, Legal Advisor for Wireline Communications, International and Internet Issues to Chairman Genachowski, and with Carol Matthey, Trent Harkrader, Kim Scardino, and Elise Kohn of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the upcoming Lifeline/Linkup reform and modernization Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. We explained that the Commission should establish a centralized administrator and database to manage functions associated with the enrollment, certification, and verification of Lifeline customers.

We also discussed the Wireline Competition Bureau's January 21, 2011 letter that establishes a process for USAC to follow when it determines that consumers are receiving Lifeline benefits from multiple ETCs. We emphasized that the Commission should move rapidly to establish a national database, which would prevent duplicates from occurring. We also emphasized that Verizon is committed to working with the Commission to develop an interim process for resolving duplicates that would be both more effective and less burdensome than the process outlined in the January 21st letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Buzacott".

cc: Zac Katz
Carol Matthey
Trent Harkrader
Kim Scardino
Elise Kohn