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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: Implementation of Section 224 of the Act a National Broadband Plan for Our Future; WC Docket No. 07-245, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Karen Zacharia and the undersigned from Verizon, and James Pachulski, counsel for Verizon, met with Zac Katz, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, Sharon Gillett, Bureau Chief – Wireline Competition Bureau, and Marcus Maher, Al Lewis, Christi Shewman, and Jennifer Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss pole attachment rates and access issues. During the meeting, we explained that the Commission must adopt the same pole attachment rate for all broadband providers. There is no reasonable policy basis for maintaining different rates for different types of providers that compete against each other directly. Consistent with Verizon's comments, we explained that uniform broadband attachment rates would further the Commission's goals articulated in the National Broadband Plan. The Commission should not miss this important opportunity to promote next generation broadband deployment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

cc: Zac Katz
Sharon Gillett
Marcus Maher
Jennifer Prime
Al Lewis
Christi Shewman