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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**Re: *Ex Parte* Notification
WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 13, 2011, undersigned counsel met with Angela Kronenberg in the Office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn to discuss several ongoing state proceedings in which multiple parties are challenging Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless' ("Verizon Wireless") qualifications to be an ETC, as well as Verizon Wireless' unilateral decision – absent any state commission authority – to collect high-cost support on "legacy" Verizon Wireless lines despite never having been designated as an ETC.

Counsel described recent developments before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Nevada PUC") in which Nevada PUC Staff has filed a petition to revoke the ETC designation of Western Wireless Corporation (a subsidiary of Verizon Wireless) and a "show cause" petition recommending penalties against Verizon Wireless for the Company's alleged lack of candor in related dealings with the Nevada PUC.¹

Counsel also provided information regarding the Georgia Public Service Commission and Minnesota Public Utilities Commission proceedings involving Verizon Wireless' multi-state scheme to seek *post facto* state commission approval of self-styled "pro forma" ETC amendment applications as part of an attempt to

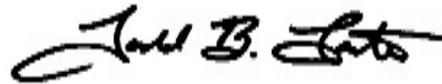
¹ In Nevada, Verizon Wireless withdrew its ETC amendment application approximately two weeks prior to a scheduled hearing knowing that it would likely be denied by the Nevada PUC and instead elected to file an application to relinquish its ETC designation. Verizon Wireless' ETC relinquishment application was granted by the Nevada PUC, effective Dec. 23, 2010.

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legitimize tens of millions of dollars of high-cost support in Minnesota and Georgia, despite the fact that Verizon Wireless has never been designated as an ETC in either state.²

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this notification is being filed electronically with your office.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Angela Kronenberg, Esq.

² The Georgia PSC has not ruled on Verizon Wireless' "pro forma" ETC amendment application, but has already affirmatively ruled that that Verizon Wireless has never been designated as an ETC in Georgia and that Georgia PSC orders do not authorize Verizon Wireless to receive high cost funding from the universal service fund in relation to its "legacy" customers in Georgia, and has notified USAC of its rulings. In Minnesota, Verizon Wireless' "pro forma" ETC amendment application was unanimously denied.