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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting, WT Docket No. 11-59

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 7, 2011, Nneka Ezenwa, and Andy Lachance of Verizon and Robin Haeffner of Verizon Wireless met with Deena Shetler, Matt Warner, Bill Dever, Wes Platt, and Zivile Stubryte of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau and Jeff Steinberg, Donald Johnson and Stephen DelSordo of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss Verizon Wireless' experiences with facilities siting on Federal lands and on Federal buildings.

Verizon and Verizon Wireless (collectively "Verizon") expanded on the comments filed by Verizon on July 18, 2011, providing examples (at pages 14-16) of problems and delays the company has experienced placing wireless facilities on Federal lands. In particular, Verizon stated that on average, in the Washington, D.C. area, collocations on Federal buildings took more than two years longer and cost significantly more than collocations on non-Federal buildings. Verizon also discussed some of the factors that cause delays in siting new towers on National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Military lands. These include costly frequency studies, the absence of a clear or consistent process for siting wireless facilities, duplication of processes and studies, lack of Federal agency personnel to manage the process, and difficulties obtaining or renewing leases.

This letter is submitted pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nneka Ezenwa".