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Ex Parte

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

**Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42;*
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45;
*Lifeline and Link Up, WC Docket No. 03-109***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In the Attachment, Verizon provides the Verizon incumbent LECs' charges for commencing basic local exchange service. As Verizon has previously explained, if the Commission elects to amend the Link Up rules by limiting or eliminating reimbursements, it must make corresponding changes to carriers' obligation to provide Link Up discounts.¹

Verizon's monthly recurring charges for retail toll blocking service also vary by state. In some states, Verizon does not assess a monthly recurring charge. In the states in which Verizon assesses a monthly recurring charge, rates range from \$0.58 per month in New Jersey to \$3.50 per month for one of Verizon's call restriction options in California.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alan Buzacott

cc: Kim Scardino

¹ Letter from Alan Buzacott, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 11-42, November 7, 2011.

Attachment

Verizon Incumbent LEC Charges for Commencing Basic Local Exchange Service

State	Charge
California	\$46.00
District of Columbia	\$41.00
Delaware	\$38.96
Florida	\$66.00
Maryland	\$44.25
Massachusetts	\$13.50
New Jersey	\$42.35
New York	\$55.00
Pennsylvania	\$40.00
Rhode Island	\$33.83
Texas	\$41.00 (former GTE); \$40.00 (former Contel)
Virginia	\$42.22 (former Bell Atlantic); \$41.00 (former GTE)