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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 10-90; In the Matter of Federal -State Joint Board on Universal Service High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Applications of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Atlantis Holdings LLC, for Consent to Transfer of Control of Licenses, Authorizations, and Spectrum Manager and De Facto Transfer Leasing Arrangements, WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 5, John Scott, Chris Miller, and Tamara Preiss of Verizon met with Austin Schlick, Julie Veach, Diane Griffin Holland, Marcus Maher, and Jim Bird of the Office of General Counsel and Trent Harkrader, Amy Bender, and Ted Burmeister of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's new rule phasing out legacy universal service high cost support to competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (CETCs) and application of that rule to Verizon Wireless' 2008 voluntary merger commitment to phase out its CETC support over five years. We discussed the scope of the Verizon Wireless commitment and the Verizon Wireless-Alltel acquisition order, both of which state that a new Commission rule of general applicability implementing a reduction in support to CETCs shall apply to Verizon Wireless instead of the more specific merger commitment.

This letter is being filed electronically 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, appearing to read "Tamara Preiss".

cc: (via e-mail)
Austin Schlick
Julie Veach
Diane Griffin Holland

Marcus Maher
Jim Bird
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