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Ex Parte

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

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 25, John Scott, Chris Miller, and Tamara Preiss of Verizon spoke by telephone with Austin Schlick, General Counsel, and Trent Harkrader, Chief, and Amy Bender, Deputy Chief, of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed 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. In particular, we discussed paragraph 520 of the Commission's *USF-ICC Transformation Order*¹ and the amount of universal service high cost support that Verizon Wireless would receive under various interpretations of that paragraph. We also discussed these issues in the context of Verizon's pending petition for clarification or, in the alternative, for reconsideration.²

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

Trent Harkrader

Amy Bender

¹ *Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (para. 520) (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) ("*USF-ICC Transformation Order*").

² See *Verizon's Petition for Clarification or, in the Alternative, for Reconsideration*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, at 3-6 (filed Dec. 29, 2011).