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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27, John Scott, Chris Miller, and Tamara Preiss of Verizon spoke by telephone with Austin Schlick, General Counsel, and Trent Harkrader, Amy Bender, and Ted Burmeister 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)<sup>1</sup> and the amount of high cost universal service support that Verizon Wireless would have been due absent adoption of the new rule. We also discussed options for resolving Verizon's pending petition for clarification or, in the alternative, for reconsideration<sup>2</sup> in a manner that would ensure the appropriate treatment of Verizon Wireless and would, at a minimum, guarantee that the company would receive high cost support sufficient to meet its ETC obligations in 2012.

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  
Ted Burmeister

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (paras. 513-520) (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (“*USF-ICC Transformation Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> 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).