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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PS Docket No. 11-60

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Maryland Public Service Commission ("MPSC") appreciates the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") ongoing effort to examine issues impacting the resiliency and reliability of the Nation's 9-1-1 systems and services. The significant effect of the June 29, 2012 derecho storm on communication services especially in the Northern Virginia area demonstrates the continued need for such examination.

Upon initial review, Maryland's 9-1-1 systems and services do not appear to have experienced substantial adverse impact from the June 29, 2012 derecho storm. However, the MPSC has dealt with other 9-1-1 outage issues and resiliency and reliability issues which may be helpful to the inquiry. In 2011, MPSC opened an investigation (MPSC Case No. 9265) involving 9-1-1 outages and network failures occurring on Verizon Maryland, Inc.'s ("Verizon") network. Additionally, the MPSC's investigation focused on Verizon's alleged failure to timely notify impacted Maryland Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPs").

Upon issuance of an order in Case No. 9265, the MPSC may file supplemental comments with the FCC in the above-referenced docket to share any relevant information or lessons learned. Therefore, MPSC has no comments at this time. However, the MPSC reserves the right to file a reply, or may seek to file supplemental comments in this proceeding following the issuance of MPSC's order in Case No. 9265.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Deirdre Y. Cheek*

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