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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 29, 2012, Nneka Ezenwa and Robert Morse of Verizon met with Commission staff to discuss matters relating to the above-referenced proceedings. Commission staff in attendance were Deputy Bureau Chief David Furth, Patrick Donovan, and Jerry Stanshine of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau; Deputy Bureau Chief Karen Peltz Strauss and Cheryl King of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau; and Chief Technologist Henning Schulzrinne of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

The parties discussed the Commission's next steps in the above-referenced proceedings, including the possibility that the Bureau might recommend that the Commission adopt an Order regarding text-to-911 capabilities in the near term. Verizon remains supportive of a voluntary framework for deploying text-to-911 and expressed concern for how an Order and new regulatory obligations might relate to Verizon's chosen SMS-to-911 solution (see *Ex Parte* Presentation of Verizon and Telecommunication Systems, Inc., PS Docket Nos. 11-153 and 10-255, filed June 4, 2012), and even greater consumer and PSAP confusion concerning the availability of text-to-911 in a given geographic area. The parties also discussed the statutory basis of a text-to-911 mandate, and issues concerning liability protection. (Verizon's views on those issues are addressed in its comments in this proceeding. *See* Verizon and Verizon Wireless Comments at 15-16, 24-30, filed Dec. 12, 2011, and Reply Comments filed Feb. 9, 2012 at 6-7.) Finally, the parties discussed the status of SMS-to-911 standardization efforts within ATIS.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nneka Ezenwa".

cc: David Furth
Patrick Donovan
Jerry Stanshine
Karen Peltz Strauss
Cheryl King
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