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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters, WT Docket No. 10-4

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 13, 2012, Andy Lachance and Tamara Preiss of Verizon spoke by telephone to John Leibovitz, Roger Noel, and Joyce Jones of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

We discussed Verizon's position on requiring customers to obtain carrier consent prior to operating consumer signal boosters. We explained that Verizon would support an order that does not require every booster user to obtain affirmative carrier consent, provided that the order contains the protections included in proposed rules previously filed by Verizon and others in this docket.¹ In particular, the boosters must be designed and certified to meet one of the two technical safe harbor standards proposed in the June 8 Ex Parte, the boosters must operate under the carriers' licenses and be registered with the licensed carrier, and they must operate on a secondary, non-interfering basis and be shut down at the request of the FCC or a carrier if they cause harmful interference. We also stated that Verizon would not oppose an affirmative carrier consent requirement, and that we continue to oppose licensing individuals to operate signal boosters.

We also discussed Verizon's proposed framework for boosters and booster systems that do not meet the consumer booster specifications. Because those boosters and booster systems are likely to be higher powered than consumer boosters, lack the automatic protection design criteria built into consumer boosters, and pose significant interference and capacity threats to carrier networks, those installations must be subject to carrier consultation and consent.

Finally, we discussed the need for the Commission to take action to prevent the sale and operation of consumer boosters (new or existing) that do not meet the safe harbor design specifications or are not otherwise approved by the licensed carriers.

¹ See Letter from John T. Scott, III, and Russell D. Lukas to Marlene H. Dortch, WT Docket No. 10-4 (filed March 14, 2012)(attaching proposed rules); Letter from Nextivity, Inc., T-Mobile USA, Inc., V-COMM, L.L.C., Verizon Wireless, and Wilson Electronics to Marlene H. Dortch, WT Docket No. 10-4 (filed June 8, 2012)(attaching proposed rules and two proposed consumer booster safe harbors) ("June 8 Ex Parte").

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This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James L. Stein".

cc: (via e-mail)
John Leibovitz
Roger Noel
Joyce Jones