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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 19, 2012, representatives of Verizon met with Commission staff to discuss matters related to the above-referenced proceeding. Commission staff in attendance were Gary Epstein and Edward Smith of the Incentive Auction Task Force; Robert Weller of the Office of Engineering and Technology; Rebecca Hanson, Kevin Harding, and Barbara Kreisman of the Media Bureau; and Jessica Almond, Tom Peters, Janet Young, Chris Helzer, Paul Malmud, and (by telephone) Jennifer Tomchin of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Verizon employees in attendance were Bill Stone, Sanyogita Shamsunder, Charla Rath, Patrick Welsh, Tamara Preiss, Robert Morse, Christopher Oatway, and the undersigned.

We discussed technical issues related to the FCC's proposed band plan for the 600 MHz band spectrum. Verizon did not advocate a specific band plan alternative as we, along with our vendors, are continuing to evaluate the relative merits and technical issues associated with the Commission's proposal and potential alternatives. We discussed the following topics: (i) the size of guard bands needed to protect mobile operations from out-of-band DTV emissions; (ii) potential interference issues and device constraints associated with the Commission's proposal to place broadcast operations in the duplex gap between mobile uplink and downlink bands; (iii) potential co-channel interference and other issues associated with creating different band plans in different geographic areas with varying amounts of uplink spectrum; and (iv) concerns about the potential authorization of Time Division Duplex operations in the reclaimed spectrum, including the need to establish additional guard bands to protect other mobile operations.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leora Hochstein".

cc: Gary Epstein