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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 February 11, 2013, Tamara Preiss and Andy Lachance of Verizon met with Renee Gregory of Chairman Genachowski's office to discuss issues in the above-captioned proceeding. On February 12, 2013, we met with Matthew Berry, from Commissioner Pai's office; Louis Peraertz, Commissioner Clyburn's office; Erin McGrath, Commissioner McDowell's office; and Alex Hoehn-Saric and David Goldman, Commissioner Rosenworcel's office to discuss these same issues.

At the meetings, we explained that Verizon supports an order that would adopt the two Consumer Booster Safe Harbor Protection Standards and proposed rules that Verizon filed jointly with Nextivity, T-Mobile, V-COMM, and Wilson Electronics on June 8, 2012 ("Joint Proposal").¹ We also explained that the package of rules and technical standards filed last June reflects a compromise among the carriers and booster manufacturers represented in that filing designed to enable consumers to purchase, install, and operate signal boosters to enhance coverage in places where signals may be weak, while protecting carrier networks from harmful interference caused by poorly designed or malfunctioning signal boosters. Verizon urged the Commission to adopt the Joint Proposal in total to preserve the balance of interests achieved among the parties to reach that compromise.

We also stated that one of the most important benefits of the proposed order will be to prevent the sale and use of boosters that do not meet the proposed protection standards ("non-conforming boosters"). Although the company would prefer the sale and use of non-conforming boosters to stop immediately, we indicated that Verizon would support an order that requires carrier consent for non-conforming boosters and prohibits the sale of non-conforming boosters within six months of the order's effective date.

Finally, we indicated Verizon's intention to make the consumer booster registration and consent process as easy as possible for its customers and pointed to the voluntary consent letter that we filed recently as one way in which the company is making customer approval easy to obtain.²

¹ See 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).

² See Letter from Andre J. Lachance, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, WT Docket No. 10-4 (filed January 29, 2013).

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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 "Jonathan L. Stein".

cc: (via e-mail)
Renee Gregory
Matthew Berry
David Goldman
Alex Hoehn-Saric
Erin McGrath
Louis Peraertz