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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees, MD Docket No. 12-201, and Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008, MD Docket No. 08-65

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, Fred Moacdieh, Mark Montano, and the undersigned of Verizon met with Roland Helvajian and Thomas Buckley of the Managing Director's Office and Mika Savir of the Enforcement Bureau to discuss updating the Commission's mechanisms for assessing and collecting its regulatory fees. Verizon emphasized its support for the regulatory fee assessment process set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Verizon explained that reform is long overdue because ITSP fee payers have been over-assessed for years, while other fee payers have been under-assessed. While certain payers might face a fee increase when the Commission updates the process, equity principles dictate that any ramp up period for the increase be minimal. In addition, Verizon encouraged the Commission to request authority from Congress to refund previously collected regulatory fees that exceeded the congressionally-mandated levels. Finally, Verizon explained why it made little sense to combine the Wireline Competition Bureau with the Wireless Competition Bureau for regulatory fee purposes. The two bureaus address numerous issues that have nothing to do with the other. And even when there may be issues that overlap, in Verizon's experience, employees of both bureaus work together to address those issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: Mika Savir
Thomas Buckley
Roland Helvajian