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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its May 22, 2013 *Phase I Order*, the Commission provided for a second round of Connect America Phase I incremental support. Carriers are required to inform the Commission by August 20, 2013 whether they elect to accept or decline the second round of Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support. Verizon has carefully considered the option of accepting the support available to the Verizon incumbent local exchange carriers under this program. However, we have determined that Verizon will decline 2013 funding for CAF Phase I.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".

cc: Carol Matthey
Kim Scardino
Amy Bender