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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *Amendment to Modify Affected Geographic Areas of Service and Withdraw Verizon New York Inc. as an Applicant, Section 63.71 Application of Verizon New York Inc. and Verizon New Jersey Inc., WC Docket No. 13-150, Comp. Pol. File No. 1115*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As Verizon New York Inc. and Verizon New Jersey Inc. (collectively, “Verizon”) recently informed the Commission, Verizon has decided to deploy fiber to the western portion of Fire Island, New York given the unique circumstances there, including the absence of another wireline provider. The target is to complete that deployment in advance of the 2014 summer season. While the deployment proceeds, voice customers whose wireline facilities were destroyed will continue to be offered Verizon's Voice Link services. The new fiber facilities will support wireline interstate telecommunications services, including traditional voice telephone service.¹ These facilities also will provide Verizon’s customers on the western portion of Fire Island with the ability to receive FiOS Internet service. In light of Verizon’s revised plans in this area, Verizon hereby amends its pending application to: (1) remove the affected portions of Fire Island from the geographic areas subject to Verizon’s application to discontinue interstate wireline voice services,² and (2) withdraw Verizon New York Inc. as an applicant.³ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.50.

¹ See Ex Parte Letter from Maggie McCready, Verizon, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 13-150 (Sept. 11, 2013).

² See Application of Verizon, *Section 63.71 Application of Verizon New York Inc. and Verizon New Jersey Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service*, WC Docket No. 13-150, at 3 (June 7, 2013).

With this amendment, the pending proceeding is now limited to small portions of two wire centers in the New Jersey Barrier Islands where Verizon New Jersey will no longer offer interstate wireline telecommunications services. This includes parts of the communities of Mantoloking, Brick and Bay Head. Unlike Fire Island, in addition to the Verizon Voice Link service or alternative services from wireless providers, the affected households in these communities already have the choice of wireline voice service from the local cable operator. In fact, many customers have already made the choice to move to alternative providers for service. Verizon had over 600 customers in the affected areas of the New Jersey Barrier Islands before Superstorm Sandy, but today just over 100 subscribe to Verizon voice service. These Verizon customers are dispersed throughout the affected communities. It is therefore evident that customers subject to the application are able “to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier” and that the public convenience and necessity is not impaired by the requested discontinuance. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(ii).

In light of these amendments to Verizon’s filing in this proceeding, any further information filed in response to the Commission’s information request of August 14, 2013 will be limited to the New Jersey Barrier Islands.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Johnson".

William H. Johnson

cc: See attached Certificate of Service

³ On September 11th Verizon filed an amendment to its New York intrastate tariff and requested that the New York State Public Service Commission suspend those proceedings with a view towards dismissing them once the tariff amendment was fully implemented. *See* Letter from Adam Krinsky, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 13-150, at Attachment (Sept. 11, 2013).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of September, 2013, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Amendment by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following parties:

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