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

**Re: Application of Verizon New Jersey Inc. To Discontinue Domestic
Telecommunications Services, as amended, WC Docket No. 13-150**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 20, William H. Johnson, Katharine R. Saunders, and I spoke with Lisa Gelb, Bill Dever, Tim Stelzig, and Rodney McDonald of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss Verizon's amended Section 214 discontinuance application referenced above, which is limited to discrete areas of the New Jersey Barrier Islands where Verizon's sole service offering is Voice Link.

In response to questions from FCC staff, we advised that Verizon continues to offer the Voice Link product in the affected service area in small parts of the New Jersey Barriers Islands as noted in its Section 214 application, and that the Voice Link product is offered in other parts of New Jersey and elsewhere as an optional product for consumers encountering problems with copper facilities. Certain public facilities in the affected areas of the Barrier Islands – in particular, the police station, fire house, town hall and court house on Downer Avenue in Mantoloking – continue to receive service over copper facilities. If requested, Verizon will continue to provide Lifeline in the affected areas using Voice Link. Voice Link is not tariffed in New Jersey, and we reiterated Verizon is not seeking any change in its ETC status in New Jersey related to Voice Link.

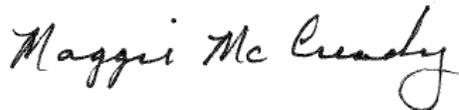
Further, we explained that tracking the number of customers in the affected areas has been challenging because the areas are made up of relatively small segments of two different wire centers, and because customers made various decisions as they assessed their service options

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following the storm's damage. Generally Verizon does not know if customers disconnected because they shifted to another wireline provider like the cable company; cut-the-cord completely; or because they have no further need for service due to damage to their homes. We explained that after further review of the affected areas where Voice Link is Verizon's sole service offering, Verizon currently has slightly more than [BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] [END HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] using Voice Link.¹ There are approximately [BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] [END HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] in the affected areas who continue to be served by grandfathered copper facilities, although Voice Link would be the Verizon service available to these customers if these facilities were to fail. At the time Verizon filed its Section 214 application, there were less than [BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] [END HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] in the affected areas.²

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,



Cc: Lisa Gelb
Bill Dever
Tim Stelzig
Rodney McDonald

¹The numbers in this paragraph are based on further review and analysis to separate out the specific small areas covered by Verizon's Section 214 application. These numbers update and replace those included in the September 27 letter, which included some customers in adjacent areas served by these same two wire centers, but not subject to this application. See Letter from William H. Johnson, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, *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 (Sept. 27, 3013).

² In May 2013, Verizon identified [BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] [END HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] subject to the 214 notification requirements in the affected areas of the New Jersey Barrier Islands. Due to intervening customer disconnects or changes, this number is likely smaller than the total number of pre-storm customers in these limited areas.