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**Ex Parte**

**VIA ECFS**

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

**Re: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 14-28; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268; Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings, WT Docket No. 12-269**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 3, 2014, Lowell McAdam, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Verizon, and Kathleen Grillo of Verizon met with Chairman Tom Wheeler and Ruth Milkman, Chief of Staff to Chairman Wheeler.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. McAdam discussed the FCC's upcoming spectrum auctions. He congratulated Chairman Wheeler for finalizing the rules for the upcoming AWS-3 auction later this year. This auction will provide the industry access to 50 MHz of high-quality spectrum that will help the wireless industry keep pace with consumers' skyrocketing demands for capacity. He said that the FCC's recent actions to adopt even-handed rules for the upcoming AWS-3 auction together with the recent progress on the incentive auction are important milestones for the industry.

Mr. McAdam also reiterated that Verizon shares the Chairman's objective of ensuring a successful incentive auction that brings the largest amount of broadcast TV spectrum to market. He stated that the best way to promote a successful incentive auction is to ensure the widest possible participation from broadcasters and robust competition between wireless carriers.

Mr. McAdam discussed the FCC's notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comment on the FCC's net neutrality rules. Mr. McAdam stated that Verizon supports the open Internet, and is committed to offering services that allow our customers to take full advantage of all the lawful content and services that the Internet has to offer. Verizon has posted its commitment to its customers to maintain an open Internet on its website (<http://responsibility.verizon.com/broadband-commitment>). The reality is that consumers will have access to an open Internet regardless of what the FCC adopts in

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terms of rules because it is what our customers demand and providing consumers with access to the Internet is our central business objective. Mr. McAdam stated that it is critical that any new rules preserve companies' flexibility to experiment with innovative arrangements that may be attractive and beneficial to customers.

Mr. McAdam pointed out that the FCC's objective should be to preserve the flexible approach under which the Internet has operated as a platform for investment and innovation for the past 20 years. He noted that some interest groups are calling for a radical change to the Internet by classifying broadband services as telecommunications services under Title II of the Act for the first time. Mr. McAdam discussed the significant damage to the industry and the economy that would result from such a risky new approach to regulation of the Internet. Since the Clinton Administration, policymakers' light-touch approach has allowed flexibility and competition to spur incredible innovation and investment in broadband and wireless. A shift to common carriage regulation would strip the U.S. of its global leadership position and slow down investment and innovation throughout the Internet ecosystem.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.