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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies, WT Docket No. 13-238

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 10, 2014, Kathleen Grillo, Tamara Preiss, and Andy Lachance of Verizon met with Roger Sherman, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Jessica Almond, Chad Breckinridge, Nese Guendelsberger (by telephone), Jeff Steinberg, and Peter Trachtenberg, also in the Wireless Bureau, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding.

The discussion focused on Verizon's proposal to exclude from historic preservation review the addition of new antennas that meet certain parameters to existing facilities sites on structures that are over 45 years old.¹ This proposal is designed to speed deployment of LTE on existing structures and would exempt from review new antennas at existing antennas sites where three criteria are met:

- The new antennas are deployed at the same location as existing antennas;
- The new antennas are no more than 3 feet taller than existing antennas, except where not visible from the ground; and
- The new antennas must comply with existing zoning/historic preservation conditions.

Verizon noted that this proposal received no opposition in the record and should be adopted quickly by the Commission. We also indicated that the Commission could add a fourth criterion, that the new antennas create no new ground disturbance. We discussed how to define "same location" for purposes of deploying new antennas. For rooftop antennas, Verizon suggests that the new antennas also must be mounted on the roof, and the center point of the new

¹ *Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies*, WT Docket No. 13-238, Comments of Verizon and Verizon Wireless, filed February 3, 2014, at 16-19, 21-22.

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antenna must be no more than ten feet from the center point of the outermost existing antenna(s). Similarly, for antennas mounted on the façade (or façades) of a building or other structure, the new antennas must be mounted on the same façade (or façades), with a center point no more than ten feet from the center point of the existing antenna(s). Alternatively, new antennas may be mounted anywhere on the same roof or façade(s), as the case may be, so long as they are not significantly more visible from ground level. If either alternative is met, the new antennas would satisfy the “same location” criterion.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Steinberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

cc: (via e-mail)

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