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National Security Division

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Mr. James Ball
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Federal Communications Commission

Re: Applications of Vodafone AirTouch, Plc and Bell Atlantic Corporation, File Nos. 0000032969, et al., DA 99-2451; Applications of Cellco Partnership and Rural Cellular Corporation for Consent to Transfer of Control, WT Docket No. 07-208; Applications of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and SpectrumCo LLC and Cox TMI, LLC for Consent to Assign AWS-1 Licenses, WT Docket No. 12-4

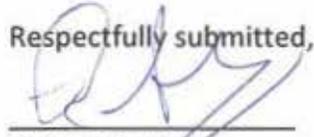
Dear Mr. Ball,

The Department of Justice ("Department"), on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense (together with the Department, the "USG Signatories"), concurs with the March 21, 2014 request to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") to remove as moot the condition imposed in the above-referenced proceedings requiring compliance with the national security agreement entered into with the USG Signatories.¹ The national security agreement was premised on the fact that Vodafone Group Plc ("Vodafone"), a foreign business, would hold a 45 percent interest in Verizon Wireless. In February 2014, Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") acquired all of Vodafone's interest in Verizon Wireless and Verizon Wireless is now wholly owned by Verizon. As a result, the USG Signatories to the national security agreement have determined that because Verizon Wireless is now owned 100 percent by Verizon, a publicly traded company, ownership interest is held by a widely dispersed body of shareholders, and, based on information provided by Verizon, no single foreign shareholder owns more than five percent of its stock.. Consequently, the USG Signatories have agreed to terminate the national security agreement. Thus, the USG Signatories concur that it is no longer necessary for the FCC to condition the above-referenced

¹ The agreement, entitled "DOD/DOJ/FBI Agreement," was executed in March 2000 among the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Verizon Wireless, Vodafone Group Plc, and Bell Atlantic Corporation. In 2008, the Department of Homeland Security was added as a party. Letter dated March 27, 2008, from Steven Zipperstein, Verizon Wireless, to Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary of Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

authorizations on Verizon Wireless's compliance with the national security agreement. Should future foreign ownership of Verizon Wireless result in additional review by the USG Signatories, the USG Signatories may revisit whether a new national security agreement is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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