

April 2, 2001

BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*
ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 29 and March 30, 2001, I spoke with and/or left voice mail messages for:

- Peter Tenhula of Chairman Powell's office
- Bryan Tramont of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth's office
- Mark Schneider of Commissioner Ness's office
- Adam Krinsky of Commissioner Tristani's office

In these telephone calls, I made the following points:

- On Tuesday, March 27, Verizon Wireless filed a self-styled "Emergency Petition to Defer Action on Applications" requesting that the FCC delay grant of over 2200 pending MMDS and ITFS applications filed during the August 2000 filing window until the FCC issues its decision in the 3G NPRM proceeding.
- Verizon's request is a transparent and unconscionable effort to use the regulatory process to delay broadband competition to Verizon's DSL service.
- Verizon's request is, in all events, untimely. Verizon has known since June 2000 that the FCC would grant these applications early in 2001, and Verizon has known with certainty since the FCC's February 2, 2001 Public Notice that these applications would be granted during the first week of April 2001.
- The Commission should summarily reject Verizon's request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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