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Mr. Gordon Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans,

This letter extends the deadline for Verizon Communications, Inc. (“Verizon”) to file the performance measurement data required by the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order* while the Commission considers Verizon’s request to terminate the reporting requirement.¹ Specifically, Verizon may file its performance data on June 15, 2001 instead of May 15, 2001.

In the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*, the Commission required Verizon to file performance data for 22 performance measurements that gauge Verizon’s progress in opening its local network to competition.² Verizon files the performance data with the Commission on a quarterly basis, 45 days after the end of each quarter.³ Verizon’s next scheduled filing date is May 15, 2001 for first quarter 2001 and its last filing would be November 15, 2001 for the third quarter of 2001.⁴

On March 8, 2001, Verizon asked the Common Carrier Bureau to relieve the company of its remaining reporting obligations under the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*.⁵ On March 30, 2001, the Bureau sought comment on Verizon’s request.⁶ The Bureau, on its own motion, herein extends the deadline for Verizon to file its first quarter 2001 performance data from May 15, 2001 to June 15, 2001.⁷ This extension provides additional time for the Commission to consider Verizon’s pending request to terminate the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX reporting obligations.

¹ Applications of NYNEX Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of NYNEX Cooperation and Its Subsidiaries, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, NSD-L-96-10, 12 FCC Rcd 19985, 20107-08, 20113-23 (1997) (“*Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*”).

² *Id.* at 20107-08.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 20070, ¶ 181. This requirement sunsets 48 months after release of the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*.

⁵ Letter from Gordon Evans, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Dorothy Attwood, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau (Mar. 8, 2001).

⁶ Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Verizon’s Request to Eliminate Reporting Requirements Under the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order, *Public Notice*, DA 01-810 (Mar. 30, 2001).

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. You may also contact Mark Stone directly at (202) 418-0816 for further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

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