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INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER IDENTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH VERIZON-TRACFONE ORDER

WT Docket No. 22-210

On November 22, 2021, the Commission approved the application of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) and American Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V. and TracFone Wireless, Inc. (TracFone) for consent to the transfer of control of TracFone's international section 214 authorization from American Móvil to Verizon.¹ In order to address the potential harms posed and to confirm certain benefits offered by the transaction, the merged entity was subject to certain conditions imposed by the Commission as set forth in the Appendices of the Order.

Appendix C of the Order requires that an Independent Compliance Officer be identified who will have the power and authority to review and evaluate Verizon's compliance with the Order, as described further in Appendix C.²

In accordance with Section I(3)(a) of Appendix C of the Order, Donald K. Stern of Affiliated Monitors, Inc., has been identified as the Independent Compliance Officer. Mr. Stern is the Managing Director, Corporate Monitoring and Consulting Services, of Affiliated Monitors, Inc., and has served as the United States Attorney for Massachusetts, the Chief Legal Counsel for the Governor of Massachusetts, and Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Mr. Stern has been a partner in a number of major law firms as well as a member of the faculty of a number of law schools. Since 2004, Affiliated has provided a wide variety of ethics and compliance monitoring services, including providing independent integrity monitoring services for government and regulatory authorities in a wide variety of regulated industries and professions. Mr. Stern was the Independent Compliance Officer overseeing AT&T's compliance with the conditions imposed by the Commission in the AT&T-DirecTV transaction. Following the procedures set forth in Section I(3)(a) of Appendix C of the Order, Mr. Stern was identified as the Independent Compliance Officer by an agreement between Verizon and the Commission's Office of General Counsel, which has approved the selection. More information about Affiliated Monitors and Mr. Stern is available at <http://www.affiliatedmonitors.com>.

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¹ See *Application of Verizon Communications Inc. and American Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V. for Consent to Transfer Control International Section 214 Authorization*, GN Docket No. 21-112, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 21-121 (Nov. 22, 2021) (Order).

² Order at Appendix C.