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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Cellco Partnership (dba Verizon Wireless)  
ISP-PDR-20060619-00015

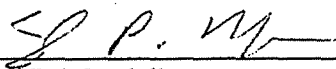
Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") defer action on the above-referenced petition for declaratory ruling allowing indirect foreign ownership in excess of 25% in the AWS licenses in the above-captioned matter. DOJ, DHS, and FBI ("the Agencies") are currently reviewing such matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, but have not yet completed that effort. See generally, In the matter of Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market, 12 F.C.C. Rcd. 23,891, ¶ 63 (Nov. 26, 1997). We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission.

DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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