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February 19, 2014

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
C/O Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
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Trenton, N.J. 08625-0350

RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

To the Board of Public Utilities:

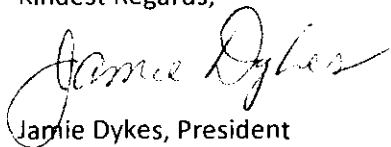
I am writing to express our Chamber's support for the proposed stipulation between Verizon and BPU Staff. I believe it is in the state and business community's best interest that you move forward with this proposal and hope you will act swiftly to approve the stipulation once the public comment period has ended.

Verizon has invested billions of dollars in our state to upgrade and enhance its communications network as part of its commitment to Opportunity New Jersey. As a result of their significant investments, there is now robust competition for communications services and broadband access is available to communities across the state.

Because we live in a Digital Age, it is important for companies like Verizon to continue investing and innovating in advanced communications technologies. The Internet has truly become a necessity in our everyday lives and it is important that consumers and businesses have continued access to broadband services no matter where they live. Whether you reside in a city like Paterson, along the beautiful Jersey Shore or even in rural Warren County, broadband technology impacts how we communicate and conduct business and is increasingly more important to our long-term economic success.

Thank you for considering this matter so thoroughly and soliciting public input. I'm sure you will agree that we all have a stake in our state's communications future and concur that the proposed stipulation is best for New Jersey residents and the state's business community.

Kindest Regards,


Jamie Dykes, President

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