

Attention: Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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**RE: Docket No. TO12020155 (Verizon New Jersey)**

To the Members of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed stipulation between BPU Staff and Verizon. The proposed stipulation is fair and balanced and under your guidance, will build on the success that the Board and Verizon have achieved in making the Garden State one of the most wired broadband states in the country.

Thanks to Verizon's commitment to building an advanced communications network in New Jersey, consumers and businesses in our state have access to high-speed broadband. Access to advanced communications technologies is no longer a luxury; it's a necessity. Because Verizon has invested billions of dollars in our state over the last decade, consumers here can harness the power of these technologies like never before. By leveraging new and innovative technologies like 4G LTE and fiber, Verizon has helped put the power of the Internet into more consumers' hands across the state and fulfilled its Opportunity New Jersey obligations. And, the future holds even more promise.

Few companies have made the kind of critical infrastructure investments in New Jersey that Verizon has made and I am confident that you can continue to count on Verizon to work with the communities it serves to deliver the benefits of broadband services through this program.

I sincerely appreciate the work you, your Staff and Verizon have done to make New Jersey a broadband leader and hope you will move forward with the proposed stipulation without any reservations.

Thank you for considering my views,

Rita I Hodgson

