

## UPPER PITTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
Kristi Izzo, Secretary  
44 So. Clinton Ave., 9th fl.  
PO Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE: VERIZON'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE FIOS

Dear Ms. Izzo:

As Mayor of Upper Pittsgrove Township in Salem County, I am deeply concerned about Verizon's unwillingness to provide high-speed, cost-effective phone and internet service to our residents and businesses. As a retired professor of Computer Science at Rowan University I understand the value and the necessity of quality communication technology.

It is my understanding that Verizon, in return for receiving a state-wide franchise to provide telephone and internet services, has an obligation to all townships in the state. Just as every home in New Jersey had been provided with electrical and phone connections in the last century, it is critical that today these homes be provided with cable or FIOS. Today, government forms, school assignments, family entertainment all require decent internet access. It is no longer a luxury but a necessity.

I ask the Board of Public Utilities to ensure that Verizon meets its obligations to all of its customers and residents in New Jersey and, in particular, here in Upper Pittsgrove Township.

Sincerely,

Jack Cimprich, Mayor

cc John Hoffman, Upper Pittsgrove Township Solicitor (via email)  
Edward W. Purcell, Esquire, NJSLOM (via email)