



Attention: Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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March 24, 2014

RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

Dear Board of Public Utilities Members:

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the proposed stipulation between Verizon and BPU Staff. After your public comment period concludes, we kindly request that you approve the proposed stipulation.

For over a hundred years, our Chamber has helped drive economic growth in and around the region. Part of our organization's success undoubtedly stems from our region's access to an advanced communications network. New technologies like broadband have fundamentally transformed how companies in Middlesex County operate and have reshaped the way our own organization communicates with its members.

Broadband technology is essential because it promotes economic development, improves environmental sustainability, expands access to healthcare services, and increases educational opportunities. Given that Middlesex County is home to Rutgers University as well as several hospitals and medical research centers, continued access to advanced communications technologies is truly critical to this region.

New Jersey is fortunate that Verizon has invested billions of dollars to make the state's communications infrastructure second to none. Please do your part to ensure New Jersey encourages additional investment from Verizon so that more consumers and businesses can benefit from the innovative products and services this company offers. By approving the proposed stipulation between Verizon and BPU Staff, you will be doing just that.

Thank you for your service to our state and for all you do for Middlesex County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Hollywood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex Hollywood
President
Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce