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**Re: *XO Holdings and Verizon Communications Inc. Consolidated Applications for Consent to Transfer of Control of Domestic and International Authorizations Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act (WC Docket No. 16-70)***

Dear Counsel:

On March 4, 2016, XO Holdings and Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) (together, Applicants) filed a series of applications, pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and sections 63.04, 63.18, and 63.24 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> seeking approval to transfer control of various licenses and authorizations held by XO Communications, LLC from XO Holdings to Verizon. In connection with the Commission's review of these applications under the Act, on June 22, 2016, the Commission issued Information and Document Requests (Information Requests) to XO Holdings and Verizon with a return date of July 7, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

As we discussed in our telephone conversation earlier today regarding the status of the pending applications, we appreciate the Applicants' efforts to respond to these Information Requests. However, as of the date of this letter, neither Applicant has completed their production of responsive material. Further, with respect to certain information requests no anticipated production date has been offered.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d); 47 CFR §§ 63.04, 63.18, 63.24. Consolidated Applications to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Section 214 Authorizations, WC Docket No. 16-70 (filed Mar. 4, 2016) (Lead Application). Applicants filed a supplement to their application on March 22, 2016. Letter from Bryan N. Tramont, Counsel to Verizon Communications Inc., and Thomas W. Cohen, Counsel to XO Holdings, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-70 (filed Mar. 22, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> In separate telephone conversations with Commission staff on July 5 and July 6, counsel for Verizon and XO Holdings, respectively, indicated that each individual Applicant would need additional time to respond to certain portions of our Information Requests.

In light of the foregoing, we are pausing our informal 180-day time clock for review of these applications effective as of July 7, 2016, Day 86 of our review and the day on which the Applicants' Information Requests responses were due. We will restart the clock upon completion of the Applicants' responses as discussed herein.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Terri Natoli at (202) 418-2732 or Michael Ray at (202) 418-0357.

Sincerely,



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