

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 73

The Applicant is part of Verizon Wireless, a national commercial wireless carrier. Verizon Wireless is owned and controlled, ultimately, by a partnership between Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”) and Vodafone Group Plc (“Vodafone”).¹ Verizon, a Delaware Corporation, owns 55% of this partnership; Vodafone, a company organized under the laws of the United Kingdom, owns 45%. Control of this partnership is vested in a Board of Representatives, which in turn is controlled by Verizon. In sum, Verizon is the majority owner and possesses sole affirmative control of the partnership and Verizon Wireless. Vodafone’s minority, indirect, non-controlling interest in the partnership, and its qualifications (as a foreign corporation) to hold indirect ownership interests in common carrier licenses have been previously authorized by the FCC under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act.² Neither Vodafone nor any of its foreign subsidiaries hold any direct ownership interests in any common carrier licenses. No new foreign ownership issues are raised by this filing.

¹Bell Atlantic Corporation changed its name to Verizon Communications Inc. in September, 2000; Vodafone AirTouch Plc changed its name to Vodafone Group Plc in July, 2000.

²*See In re Applications of Vodafone AirTouch Plc and Bell Atlantic Corporation, For Consent to the Transfer of Control or Assignment of Licenses and Authorizations, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 00-721 at ¶ 19 (Intl. and Wir. Tel. Burs., rel. Mar. 30, 2000); FCC Public Notice, “International Authorizations Granted,” Report No. TEL-00174, DA No. 99-3033 (Intl. Bur., rel. Dec. 30, 1999); In re AirTouch Communications, Inc., Transferor, and Vodafone Group, Plc., Transferee, For Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 9430, ¶ 9 (Wir. Tel. Bur., 1999).*