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From: Roseann Pakay <rpakay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 11:25 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, N.J. 08625-0350

RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

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Sincerely,
Roseann Pakay

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From: rbowheart@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:31 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Public Comment Docket No. TO12020155

I object to the stipulation

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From: ROBERT LYONS <RDLPAL@Comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:27 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

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ROBERT LYONS

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From: Thomas Pacia <TEPacia@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 6:28 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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Sincerely,
Thomas Pacia

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From: skline13@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 6:20 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon NJ Docket No. TO12020155

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Kristi Izzo, Secretary

Dear Members of the NJ Board of Public Utilities:

I am writing in regard to the proposed settlement between the BPU and Verizon. As a farmer living in Stow Creek, NJ, Cumberland County, I can tell you what a difference Broadband Internet access through Verizon's FIOS has made in my farm operation. Prior to FIOS, my only means of access to market information was through my dial up modem which took at least twenty minutes to access the particular information I needed. To download any educational information put out by a Land Grant University such as Rutgers was impossible because anything with pictures was too big a file to download. While I am thankful for broad band access at my farm, my friends and neighbors in adjacent communities are without access to this technology. This adversely affects their farming operations. While they can access the internet through dial up, satellite or in some cases, Comcast (Shiloh borough), the speed, dependability and expense of this access varies widely and does not provide a stable access that a business needs in order to remain profitable and compete locally, regionally, nationally or even globally. If the PBU accepts the Stipulation of Settlement as written, there will be no expansion of the fiber optic network inspite of the billions of dollars collected from ratepayers for full build out of broadband infrastructure in New Jersey. Verizon took our money and now wants to back out of the agreement they made in their commitment to Opportunity NJ. That is not right.

Verizon considrs 4 G based wireless service as broadband access so if a home or business is in an area served by 4 G wireless (no matter how spotty), then no fiber optic wire is required. Even though the internet can be accessed with wireless devices, the bandwidth is not sufficient to conduct business or to enable students to do their homework.

The Verizon Wireless service coverage map at their website shows better coverage than actually exists. Many areas of our county have non-existent or spotty, unreliable service. In a call to a fellow farmer who was on his land in Greenwich this morning, the call went through and then was dropped because of poor signal strength. That is typical of 4 G coverage in the area.

Wireless 4 G communication is expensive. Unlike wired b roadband access like FIOS, the wireless access is subject to data cap pricing making it a much more expensive solution. This handicaps small business and families with children who have to pay more for 4 G internet access than farms and families with wired broadband access. It puts businesses at a disadvantage and it puts rural families at a disadvantage. As time goes by, more and more is being done through the internet. Try filing your payroll taxes without the internet. It isn't a luxury anymore. It is a necessity for education and for doing business.

The definition of broadband put forth in this settlement is seriously outdated and does not meet the current federal standard. Cumberland County is already the poorest county in the state. It should not be relegated to third class citizenry because it is denied access to meet current standards recognized by the federal government. Any attempt to define broadband should recognize that the speed benchmark will continue to increase as consumer demand grows.

DSL access over deteriorating copper lines is not an option. Loss of connection is so frequent that it becomes unusable. Time has value. If your connection is constantly being lost, you lose valuable time just trying to do the absolute minimum on the internet.

Cumberland County is a rural area where the expansion of fiber optic lines will not bring a return like urban areas do. However the people of this state have committed millions of dollars to farmland preservation and our county ranks fifth in acres of preserved land. This preservation of open space is important to the residents of the state, but the people and businesses of this area should not be penalized for living in these areas. The broadband needs of this area must be met even though there may not be as great a return to Verizon as in an urban area. Farmers and nursery growers cannot move where they grow their crops and conduct their farm businesses so that means the broadband infrastructure must come to the farmers and nursery growers. Without access to broadband internet, our farmers and nursery growers are at a competitive disadvantage locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. In a depressed area such as Cumberland County, we need to do all we can to help our businesses remain competitive and to develop.

Please see that Verizon honors its agreement to Opportunity New Jersey and brings broadband access to all the areas of New Jersey including the rural areas. Reject the proposed Stipulation of Agreement between the BPU and Verizon and force a third party audit of Verizon's actual coverage, not what the company claims.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Sincerley,
Shirley Kline
Happy Valley Berry Farm
187 Buckhorn Road

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856-455-0553

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From: Jean T. Kraft <Kraft_001@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 6:15 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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Jean T. Kraft
J.T. Kraft Konstruktion

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Sincerely,
Jean T. Kraft

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From: capefred33@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 5:46 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

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Sincerely,
capefred33@comcast.net

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From: Lauren Ross <lnr8068@uncw.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 5:06 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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I support innovation in NJ.

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Sincerely,
Lauren Ross

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From: Ken Shabinaw <ken.shabinaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 4:37 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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Sincerely,
Ken Shabinaw

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Sincerely,
andy brown

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From: oitmailadmin@oit.state.nj.us
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 4:09 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: End User Digest: 1 New Message



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From: Rich Baudisch <richbaudisch@optonline.net>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 2:52 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. T012020155

Sir or madam – I believe that Verizon’s attempt to subvert the Plan for Alternative Regulation (PAR) Order amounts to nothing less than a blatant theft of public fund. Verizon had been collecting a dollar a month from each landline household for 20 years on written promise that broadband service would be provided to all NJ households.

The Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), which Verizon now wants to call broadband, was the technology already in existence before the PAR agreement was signed. It is not capable of download speed of greater than 5 mbsp (in perfect setting) compared to FiOS’s download speed of 50 mbsp and higher. Now Verizon wants to dust it off and say it was the promised broadband technology all along.

I believe that Verizon’s decision to stop building out the FiOS infrastructure was made way before 2010. They apparently chose the easiest part of NJ to upgrade, and left the remote or less profitable areas to DSL (or nothing at all.) Now Verizon wants to be let off the hook, not having provided the real competition that NJ needed to provide affordable internet/phone/TV to everyone. This was the whole purpose of the public fund that was given to Verizon as part of the agreement.

Do not let Verizon off the hook.

Rich Baudisch
21 Eagle Ridge Road
Montvale, NJ 07645
201-505-1779

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From: Peter J. Ventimiglia <venti1@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 2:52 PM
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I am personally aware of the benefits of advanced broadband technology deployment in this state as part of the original ONJ agreement. Schools all around this state first gained access to the world wide web and the benefits of information technologies through Verizon's ONJ program. Extending the deployment and access to advanced broadband technologies will be of immeasurable benefit to, and improve the quality of life for, all New Jersey's citizens.

Thank you for considering my views and for examining this issue so closely. I strongly urge you to approve the proposed stipulation without further delay.

Sincerely,
Peter J. Ventimiglia

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From: Amanda Oberg <amanda.oberg21@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 2:41 PM
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Sincerely,
Amanda Oberg

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From: Raul Morffi <vip@raulmorffi.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 1:38 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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Raul Morffi

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Sincerely,
Raul Morffi

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From: Don Tretola <Caddydon50@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 1:10 PM
To: Secretary, Board
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By leveraging new and innovative technologies like fiber optics, Verizon has helped put the power of the Internet into more consumers' hands across the state.

They are a leading broadband provider in the state and Verizon is always eager to work with communities to deliver the benefits of broadband services to them through this program.

If we can fast track deployment of broadband services, it will further advance competition in the marketplace and undoubtedly bring with it better products and services for New Jersey consumers and businesses.

Thank you for considering my views and for examining this issue so closely. I strongly urge you to approve the proposed stipulation without further delay.

Sincerely,
Don Tretola

Chu, Thomas

From: Joel Pizzuto <jpizzuto@verizon.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 12:07 PM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

Dear Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary:

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
C/O Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
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To the Members of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities:

As a New Jersey resident and Verizon employee, I am expressing 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.

Access to advanced communications technologies is no longer a luxury; it's a necessity. Thanks to Verizon, New Jersey consumers and businesses 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. The future holds even more promise.

Few companies have made the kind of critical infrastructure investments in New Jersey that Verizon has made and you can count on Verizon to continue working with communities across the State to deliver the benefits of broadband services through this program.

Please approve the proposed stipulation without further delay. Thank you for taking the time to consider my view and for all you do for the people of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Joel Pizzuto
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Chu, Thomas

From: Heather Brookhart <hbrookhart@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

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Sincerely,
Heather Brookhart

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From: RobertScottMeier@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Re: Verizon

This move by Verizon is a slap in the face of New Jersey rate payers. When the Verizon bean counters decided that their investment into wired broadband for the entire State was not worth the investment Verizon decided to stop ungrading their infrastructure. By doing so Verizon left CATV operator with a monopoly on service in many towns. This was clearly not part of what the people of New Jersey paid for when the deal was first signed with Verizon.

I am strongly opposed to any change in the original agreement in which Verizon has failed to comply. Their argument about the changes in technology are weak and they should be forced to provide wired broadband to the entire State as they agreed.

Signed,

Robert and Wendy Meier
135 Mills Avenue
Norwood, NJ 07648

Chu, Thomas

From: Marlene Asselta <marlene@snjdc.org>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 11:45 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon Opportunity Support



March 21, 2014

NJ Board of Public Utilities
c/o Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary
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Sirs/Madams:

As a business economic development organization comprised of over 300 mid to large size businesses, the Southern New Jersey Development Council (SNJDC) and its members understand modernization of telecommunications changes substantially across any timeline. Products and services available twenty years ago pale in the comparison with today's offerings.

Over the past two decades, Verizon has invested billions of dollars to bring today's 'state-of-the-art' communication services to New Jersey residents and businesses including the deployment of DSL; deploying tens of thousands of miles of fiber optic cables (FiOS); and providing substitute technologies (4G and 3G) for wireless broadband access. New Jersey is now the most wired state in the nation.

Recognizing Verizon's investments made to date and the changing market and technology conditions since signing the 1993 Opportunity New Jersey (ONJ) agreement, we support the proposed stipulation between Verizon and your staff. The stipulation defines a process that can work to identify and deploy broadband to communities not currently served, including towns in South Jersey, thus fulfilling an obligation by Verizon. Adoption of the stipulation can further investment of advanced communications technologies critical to the state's continued economic growth and development by creating finality of the ONJ thus enabling Verizon to expend resources to develop and deploy the next 'state-of-the-art' service.

Competition in the communications market is more robust today than it has ever been before. Consumers have a plethora of communications options: traditional wireline, cable, wireless, and satellite are all reliable options for New Jersey residents and businesses. Supporting accelerated deployment of broadband services is critical for the business community in New Jersey: it promotes further competition in the marketplace and ensures better products and services for New Jersey consumers and businesses.

For these reasons we encourage the Board to approve the proposed stipulation. Thank you for the opportunity to share the SNJDC's opinion on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Marlene Z. Asselta

Marlene Z. Asselta, President
Southern New Jersey Development Council

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From: maury <mauryandhelen@verizon.net>
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March 22, 2014

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Kristi Izzo, Secretary
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RE: DOCKET NO. TO12020155
IN THE MATTER OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC.'S ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH
OPPORTUNITY NEW JERSEY COMMITMENTS

Dear Ms. Izzo:

I am writing this as a member of the Cumberland County Board of Agriculture, member of the Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board, member of Rutgers Board of Managers and as a business owner of **Woodland Produce** in Fairton New Jersey. Comcast wants \$25,000.00 to run their line 1200 feet to my business. My Verizon 4G LTE is only available about 50 percent of the time (I have been monitoring this for 2 years) then drops to 3G. My landline is unusable during and after rain storms, and my DSL goes out every time there is a thunderstorm. I am at a disadvantage in trying to run my business. Why should agricultural business be at more of a disadvantage than they already are just because Verizon does not want to fulfill their agreement. I have been on the list to be notified as soon as Fios is available in my area (for years), but to no avail. If this is allowed to past, I will never see Fios. **Why penalize agriculture? I also could not afford to run my business and household on any current 4G plan now available from Verizon.**

Several other rural areas throughout Cumberland remain cut off from the enabling technologies necessary for business growth at a time when economic growth is urgently needed. The opportunities for farm businesses are of such magnitude that we are compelled to voice our strong opposition to the proposed Stipulation of Settlement in the above referenced matter. The confluence of several factors, fueled by the growing consumer demand for local fresh food and on-farm activities, means that the Garden State can ill afford to support the current technological stranglehold on its food and agriculture industry. Specific concerns and reasons for opposition are as follows:

1. The Broadband Request Process is one that **relies on flawed coverage data** and will yield disastrous decisions for rural agricultural communities. Verizon has consistently overstated its cellular coverage, both on its website and as reported to the state under the State Broadband Initiative. They are not alone; overstated cellular coverage, combined with the overstated coverage data submitted by Comcast (our only other service provider of wire-based access) will effectively exclude our agricultural areas from any wire-based telecommunications infrastructure build out. We implore the BPU to validate broadband coverage data via an objective third party with the appropriate telecommunications expertise.

2. Farmers already using DSL, satellite, or wireless Internet access know firsthand that **these access methods are insufficient for current operations** let alone the growing data demands of precision agriculture, a management practice that improves soil inputs, meets environmental constraints, and increases profitability. In addition to being inadequate, data cap pricing and/or limits make cellular and/or satellite solutions more expensive. Precision agriculture calls for robust telecommunications infrastructure, i.e., “fiber to the farm, wireless to the tractor.” We implore the BPU to hold Verizon to a higher standard, both in terms of the access medium and in the definition of broadband.
3. The smaller the area of telecommunications deficiency, the greater the risk to existing businesses because they lose their ability to compete on any level: locally, regionally, nationally, or globally. This is especially true for farms, because a farmer cannot relocate his/her land to where the infrastructure exists; the infrastructure must come to the farmer.
4. Communities successful in the preservation of farmland and open space are penalized for being good stewards of the land. Because these communities will never have the population densities to cost-justify telecommunications build out, there must be some *quid pro quo* consideration built into each and every state/service provider agreement affecting the deployment of current technologies; otherwise, the state inadvertently compromises the public’s investment in farmland preservation by not ensuring that farm businesses remain viable over the long term.]

Thank you



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From: Josephine Kutchenrider <josephine.l.kutchenrider@verizon.com>
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Dear Ms. Kristi Izzo, Secretary:

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

As a New Jersey resident and Verizon employee, I am expressing 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.

Access to advanced communications technologies is no longer a luxury; it's a necessity. Thanks to Verizon, New Jersey consumers and businesses 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. The future holds even more promise.

Few companies have made the kind of critical infrastructure investments in New Jersey that Verizon has made and you can count on Verizon to continue working with communities across the State to deliver the benefits of broadband services through this program.

Please approve the proposed stipulation without further delay. Thank you for taking the time to consider my view and for all you do for the people of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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