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From: Carol Metch <dhmetch@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Trenton, N.J. 08625-0350

RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155

Dear Board Members:

I would like to declare my support for the proposed stipulation between your Board Staff and Verizon as it relates to Opportunity New Jersey. The stipulation will help ensure continued deployment of advanced communications services. Access to these services will not only benefit New Jersey's businesses and nonprofits, but consumers of all ages as well. I'm sure you will agree that advanced communications technologies have revolutionized how all residents and businesses in the Garden State communicate and we must ensure that future innovations by this industry find a home here in New Jersey.

New Jersey has benefitted from the significant investments Verizon has made here to build a robust communications network. Our state is now the most wired broadband state in the country and continued investment in broadband technologies will be critical to New Jersey's ongoing economic competitiveness.

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,
Carol Metch

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From: IAN HUGHES <hollytree1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 10:24 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Public Comment Docket No. TO12020155

Ian Hughes
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RE: Public Docket No. TO12020155

I am a Cumberland County resident. It was brought to my attention a decision by the Board of Public Utilities regarding not improving the telecommunication lines in the bayshore areas of Cumberland County, namely the townships of Greenwich, Stow Creek, Lawrence, Downe, and Commercial Townships. Most particularly this decision applied to the villages of Greenwich, Cedarville, Stow Creek, Fortescue, Bivalve, and Money Island. The customers in these areas pay the same rates for telephone and internet service as customers in the more populous areas of the county. Yet the telecommunication infrastructure in these areas has not been improved. This is especially the case with using existing copper lines which are deteriorating. Because of this, customers who use the internet for communication find that there is often a loss of connection with their DSL.

I have often been of the belief that many of companies who do business in New Jersey, and state governmental boards, have treated Cumberland County, and most particularly the rural areas of this county, as poor stepchildren who ought to go elsewhere to live and receive the kind of up-to-date services the more populated areas of the state receive. Many of the families served in these rural Cumberland County communities have family roots that go back to the late 17th and early 18th centuries. More than a few of these families were among the earliest settlers of New Jersey. It is family roots and a desire to not let go of that heritage which keep many of the residents in Greenwich, Stow Creek, Greenwich, and Fortescue planted in the soil of their forefathers. They deserve the same kind of treatment from Verizon, and from the State Board of Public Utilities, that other customers in the rest of state expect.

I know, from personal experience that using my cellular phone is very difficult in Greenwich Township. God forbid, if I had been in a medical or weather related emergency, I would have had problems getting help.

I would appreciate your looking back into the decision that was made in Public Docket No. TO12020155. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Ian Hughes

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From: Tim Van Meter <etwnkrim2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 8:01 AM
To: Secretary, Board
Subject: Verizon Letter Not Listed

Good Morning,

I was just curious as to why my letter was not listed among the many other response letters that the BPU emailed yesterday. I emailed the letter to you and Mr. Purcell on March 19th in email format and as a Word document. Thank you. Tim Van Meter

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From: Michael S. Thomas <mst7233@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 7:36 AM
To: Secretary, Board
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Sincerely,
Michael S. Thomas