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March 12, 2014

Dear Board

On the matter of **Docket No. TO12020155**, I write today to respectfully urge you to approve the proposed stipulation between Verizon New Jersey and the Board's Staff. It is the right step forward toward our shared goal of expanding high-speed broadband access across the state.

As you may know, the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey is a leader in free enterprise advocacy for the purpose of fostering, through education, legislative vigilance and membership interaction, an economic climate that enhances business potential and makes New Jersey a better state in which to live, work and conduct business.

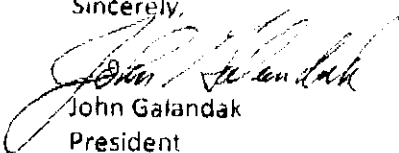
The availability of broadband is an important element of that effort. Through Opportunity New Jersey and the commitment of communications companies like Verizon, billions of dollars have been invested in our state to deploy high-speed wired and wireless broadband networks. Those networks are now vital to many aspects of our economy as well as our daily lives.

These days, libraries and schools are able to tap into educational resources online and around the world that were once unheard of. The wealth of information that now exists in the world is just few clicks away. As such, students are able to continually learn and experiment in new ways. Many of New Jersey's finest colleges and universities are members of CIANJ. They have the capability to create a more educated workforce by utilizing technologies powered by broadband networks coupled with a new renewed emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). This workforce will be essential to growing New Jersey's economy in the years ahead.

Moreover, broadband is indispensable to businesses, both small and large. In addition to helping many of our member companies reap significant efficiency gains and better use precious resources, broadband networks have opened the doors to new markets and allow them to interact with customers around the world. What's more, high-speed broadband has helped fuel new entrepreneurs and industries that are creating jobs right here in our state.

From our understanding, Verizon has worked with your Staff to develop a sound stipulation that would develop a process to continue expanding broadband service to more communities across the state. That is an undertaking that should be allowed to proceed as soon as possible. I hope you will take all steps necessary to approve Verizon's proposal and continue to promote broadband expansion. It has been a leading contributor to our economic growth over the years and will continue to be as more New Jerseyans embrace broadband.

Sincerely,

  
John Galandak  
President

New Jersey's business advocate for over 83 years

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RE: Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. IO12020155

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 500 member businesses, the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce confidently endorses the proposed stipulation between Verizon and BPU staff, and encourages you to collectively advance the stipulation to ensure a connected future for all New Jersey communities.

Much like an extensive interstate highway system was critical to the manufacturing age, access to broadband is equally vital for the information age. That is why we applaud the proposed stipulation between the BPU staff and Verizon to implement a new broadband request process to identify and deploy broadband to communities that may lack broadband options. Thanks in large part to Verizon's efforts over the last two decades, New Jersey can boast that it is the most wired state in the nation, but more can be done, which is why we strongly support the proposed stipulation.

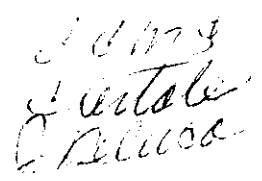
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Verizon has been an excellent corporate citizen, particularly in Elizabeth, where it has completed wiring much of the residential part of the City. We see no reason to stop the good work Verizon is doing. We urge the BPU to approve the proposed stipulation without delay.

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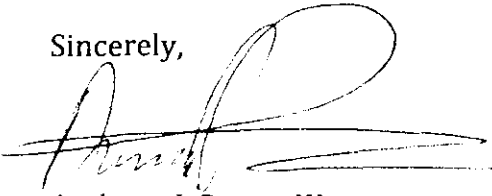
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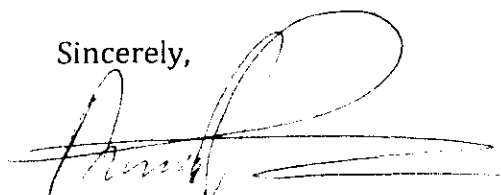
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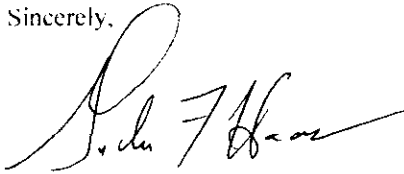
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**From:** Harris, Consowella  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:22 AM  
**To:** Centrella, Anthony; Chu, Thomas; Deluca, John  
**Cc:** Mack, Sheila; Mattox, Lauren  
**Subject:** FW: Verizon NJ Doc#TO12020155 [WEBMAIL.BPU]

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [benitakessler@msn.com](mailto:benitakessler@msn.com) [mailto:[benitakessler@msn.com](mailto:benitakessler@msn.com)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2014 7:08 PM  
**To:** feedback, BPUweb  
**Subject:** Verizon NJ Doc#TO12020155 [WEBMAIL.BPU]

Affiliation Code: WEBMAIL.BPU

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Last Name: Kessler

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Country:

Area Code: 201

Exchange: 568

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E-mail: [benitakessler@msn.com](mailto:benitakessler@msn.com)

Comments: IN THE MATTER OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC.'S ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OPPORTUNITY NEW JERSEY COMMITMENTS Docket No. TO12020155

Honesty and contract fulfillment is what maintains the free market as such. Legal enforcement reinforces this principle. Verizon is no less responsible under the law than any other entity engaged in business. To allow any change to the original agreement without filament or monetary compensation to the payers is thief and collusion.



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**From:** Harris, Consowella  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** Centrella, Anthony; Chu, Thomas; Deluca, John  
**Cc:** Mack, Sheila; Mattox, Lauren  
**Subject:** FW: Opportunity NJ [WEBMAIL.BPU]

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**From:** [madskier1@verizon.net](mailto:madskier1@verizon.net) [mailto:[madskier1@verizon.net](mailto:madskier1@verizon.net)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 16, 2014 6:53 PM  
**To:** feedback, BPUweb  
**Subject:** Opportunity NJ [WEBMAIL.BPU]

Affiliation Code: WEBMAIL.BPU

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E-mail: [madskier1@verizon.net](mailto:madskier1@verizon.net)

Comments: I object to the Board of Public Utilities allowing Verizon to not fulfill its promise of upgrading its facilities throughout NJ.

I am a retired VZ Network Tech, who almost spit his coffee when I read the preposterous statement by Verizon spokesman, Lee Gierzynski, when he said, "There is nothing wrong with the speed of DSL." Obviously, he has never worked with the product as I have. DSL was nothing more than a stop-gap measure instituted, to gain customers until the superior FIOS was implemented. DSL is one step above ISDN. It is a slow and unreliable copper based product. Don't let VZ steal from the public. They make enough already. If YOU don't stop them, who will?

Thank You.

## Chu, Thomas

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**From:** Harris, Consowella  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:26 AM  
**To:** Chu, Thomas; Deluca, John  
**Subject:** FW: Verizon [WEBMAIL.BPU]

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**From:** [richm@optonline.net](mailto:richm@optonline.net) [mailto:[richm@optonline.net](mailto:richm@optonline.net)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 15, 2014 2:06 PM  
**To:** feedback, BPUweb  
**Subject:** Verizon [WEBMAIL.BPU]

Affiliation Code: WEBMAIL.BPU

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Last Name: DeGhetto

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City: Dumont

County: 02

State: NJ

Zip: 07628

Zip +4:

Country:

Area Code:

Exchange:

Phone:

Extension:

E-mail: [richm@optonline.net](mailto:richm@optonline.net)

Comments: As a customer of Verizon, who pays a huge monthly bill, I implore you DO NOT let them break their contract and obligation. They should not be let off the hook to keep millions of dollars. Make them keep their contract to supply broadband to all parts of the state of New Jersey.

Thank you

Rich D.

## Chu, Thomas

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**From:** Izzo, Kristi  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** Chu, Thomas; Deluca, John; Hernandez, Erika  
**Subject:** FW: In the matter of Verizon New Jersey, Inc. Docket #TO12020155

Fyi and for case file thanks

**From:** Zambo, Jean [<mailto:jzambo@edisonnj.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:06 AM  
**To:** Izzo, Kristi  
**Subject:** In the matter of Verizon New Jersey, Inc. Docket #TO12020155

Ms. Izzo:

Read the article which appeared in the Sentinel, regarding Verizon and the copper wiring problem. We are one of their customers who keeps losing our service. Why can't they just replace the copper wiring? The Co. sure changes enough for service that is not being received on a daily basis. Yet these utility companies have the gall to request increases from the Board of Utilities when their service is sub standard.

Verizon has taken advantage for 21 years collecting those surcharges from us and instead of replacing the wiring who knows what they have done with those funds.

Very truly yours, Mrs. Jean Zambo - Edison Township - Middlesex Cty.

## Chu, Thomas

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**From:** Jim Mullahey <jmullahey@capellauniversity.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 12:52 AM  
**To:** Secretary, Board  
**Subject:** Verizon New Jersey, Docket No. TO12020155"

To whom it may concern,

I would hope that our state officials could take appropriate actions to protect the residents of our state. It should be clearly unacceptable to allow Verizon to complete 55% of its promise to provide high speed broadband throughout the state, from which they accepted \$15 billion dollars in excess fees from New Jersey consumers. This is especially difficult to accept when Verizon continues to be a highly profitable organization.

I really hope that the state has some recourse against Verizon to either deliver services as agreed upon or provide repayment for the work not completed.

Verizon certainly does not allow its consumers to break their obligation without paying a penalty.

When most businesses deliver incomplete work they are typically in breach of contract and must deliver agreed upon services at their own cost or pay some form of damages. Why is this different?

Because it is a major corporation like Verizon?

So the residents of New Jersey are just supposed to lie down and eat the costs that Verizon does not want to pay for?

Why? Did it cost more than they expected? Who is at fault for that estimate? At a minimum New Jersey officials should negotiate some significant payback or continued deployment.

Of course Verizon will take the money and run without performing services if we allow them to do so. Verizon already charges incredibly excessive fees in relation to its competitors, for all services, especially wireless. Allowing 4G LTE only will be a major mistake. A 4G network cannot handle the growth / increased bandwidth needs that are expected in the near future.

Our state will fall behind and loose additional revenue as a result of insufficient bandwidth, new business will not be formed, existing businesses will leave, a remote workforce will not be possible in many areas of the state. The unemployment rate of the individuals who would perform the implementation and associated positions will rise resulting in fewer tax dollars.

Verizon's greed should not be rewarded. This type of greed is a major contributor to the economic downturn we have just been through as a nation. Do you, as state officials, want to be responsible for the further decline of the economy within our state?

The people of this state will not stand for the inconceivable forgiveness of this obligation. Many poor choices have been made by state officials in the past. I hope this is not one of those decisions that poorly represent the residents of this state. I really hope that an appropriate decision will be made to restore my faith in at least some of the officials in our state.

Regards,  
Jim Mullahey, CISSP, CBCP, GPEN, GSNA

Sent from my iPad



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Reply to Atlantic County Address

March 17, 2014

**Via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested**  
**And Via E-MAIL: [board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us](mailto:board.secretary@bpu.state.nj.us)**

Kristi Izzo, Secretary  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 S. Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 350  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of Verizon New Jersey, Inc.'s  
Alleged Failure to Comply with Opportunity New  
Jersey Commitments  
Docket No. TO12020155  
Our File No. 4920-1

Dear Secretary Izzo:

Our firm serves as the Solicitor to Weymouth Township (the "Township"). This letter concerns the Township's desire to comment on a matter currently pending before the Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") concerning the proposed Stipulation of Agreement in the above-referenced matter between the Board and Verizon New Jersey ("Verizon NJ"). As you know, pursuant to the 1993 Opportunity New Jersey Law, Verizon NJ was obligated to upgrade New Jersey's "copper wire" landline service network by 2010. To fund this upgrade, under Opportunity New Jersey Verizon NJ was permitted to collect excess charges from their customers while also receiving substantial tax breaks from the State of New Jersey. These charges and tax breaks began in the 1990's and are still being collected today.

Verizon NJ has failed to meet its timeframe for accelerated deployment of advanced switching and transmission (i.e., "Broadband") technologies for its network as contained within the May 6, 1993 Plan of Alternative Regulation ("PAR-1") for Verizon NJ's predecessor, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. As noted above, Verizon NJ was required by the PAR-1 to fully deploy its Broadband service in its New Jersey service territory by the end of 2010. As a result of Verizon NJ's failure in this regard, on March 12, 2012, the Board initiated the above-

referenced legal action against Verizon NJ. As an attempt to settle that litigation, the proposed Stipulation of Settlement has been circulated to all interested parties for their review and comment. It is the Township's position that the Stipulation of Settlement is inadequate and does not go far enough in protecting the interests of Township residents and other New Jersey residents who have paid over 20 years of excess charges for Verizon NJ's Broadband service, which was never fully delivered to them. Enclosed is a copy of Township Resolution No. 39-2013, which urged the Board to compel Verizon NJ to fully complete its Broadband upgrades within the Township.

Therefore, on behalf of the Township and its residents, the Township Committee formally opposes the Board's proposed Stipulation of Settlement and demands that the Board hold Verizon NJ to the original 1993 Opportunity New Jersey PAR-1, which requires Verizon NJ to expand Broadband services to **every** customer within its New Jersey service territory. The proposed Stipulation has the potential of excluding Township residents from enjoying Verizon NJ's Broadband services while costing Township residents even more money than they have already paid for the last 21+ years. The Board should not allow Verizon NJ to flagrantly disregard the stipulations contained within that PAR-1, which were the framework for the excess charges and tax breaks Verizon NJ has enjoyed for 21 years and continues to enjoy to this day.

The Township humbly requests that the Board be their advocate and investigate where the collected excess charges were properly spent through an accounting to be provided by Verizon NJ, and also to require Verizon to give them what they were originally promised under the 1993 PAR-1, which is full Broadband service utilizing the latest Verizon "FIOS" technology.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

NEHMAD PERILLO & DAVIS, P.C.

By: 

MICHAEL R. PEACOCK

[mpeacock@npdlaw.com](mailto:mpeacock@npdlaw.com)

MRP:km

Enclosure

- c. Bonnie S. Yearsley, Township Clerk (Via E-MAIL [weymouth\\_township@verizon.net](mailto:weymouth_township@verizon.net))  
Mayor and Township Committee (Via E-MAIL [weymouth\\_township@verizon.net](mailto:weymouth_township@verizon.net))  
Ed Purcell, New Jersey League of Municipalities (Via E-MAIL [epurcell@njslom.com](mailto:epurcell@njslom.com))  
Senator Jeff Van Drew (Via E-MAIL [senvandrew@njleg.org](mailto:senvandrew@njleg.org))  
Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esquire (Via E-MAIL [fscerni@parker MCCay.com](mailto:fscerni@parker MCCay.com))

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP  
ATLANTIC COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-2013**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO COMPEL VERIZON  
TO COMPLETE THE FIOS UPGRADE WITHIN WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP WHICH IS  
PART OF THE MAYS LANDING CENTRAL OFFICE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, Verizon entered into a franchise agreement under the direction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities which included a requirement to provide Fios service to all County Seats in Southern New Jersey, and

**WHEREAS**, Mays Landing is the County Seat of Atlantic County and the Mays Landing Central Office provides telephone service to all of Weymouth Township, and

**WHEREAS**, The Fios Build was begun years ago and was abruptly stopped here in Weymouth Township, and

**WHEREAS**, Verizon is forcing customers away from traditional copper cable service, and

**WHEREAS**, The copper lines within Weymouth Township continue to deteriorate from lack of maintenance, and

**WHEREAS**, When someone experiences a disruption in service with Verizon, it can take five to seven days for a technician to be dispatched to the Weymouth Township customer, and

**WHEREAS**, Verizon New Jersey has just had another layoff of technicians, and

**WHEREAS**, here in Weymouth Township, especially in the Dorothy Section, alternatives to horrendous land line service are non-existent with no Verizon cell service nor any Comcast service, and

**WHEREAS**, Weymouth Township residents and tax payers deserve equal access to internet and communications systems which are used and enjoyed by most of the other residents of our state,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Weymouth that they do hereby request that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities require Verizon to live up to their Franchise Agreement to provide Fios to the County Seats of Southern New Jersey which includes Weymouth Township in the Mays Landing Central Office area,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey District One Senator, Jeff Van Drew and to Assemblymen Albano and Bob Andrzejczak and to the City of Estell Manor.

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Eunice Hogan, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is an exact copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Weymouth Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body which was held on June 5, 2013.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC  
Weymouth Township Clerk

Date: June 5, 2013