



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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By fax and first-class mail

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Re: Extension of Management Period
Cellco Partnership d//b/a Verizon Wireless and ALLTEL Corporation
WT Docket No. 08-95

Dear Ms. Victory:

As you know, the Commission's consent to the merger of Cellco Partnership d//b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") with ALLTEL Corporation ("ALLTEL") was conditioned upon the divestiture of certain assets.¹ The divestiture process approved by the Commission provided Verizon Wireless with 120 days ("Management Period") in which to divest the assets before being required to transfer such assets to a divestiture trustee. The Commission's order also delegated to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau the authority to grant an extension of the divestiture period of up to 60 days. The Management Period expires on May 9, 2009.

On April 22, 2009, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, you filed a letter with the Commission requesting a blanket 60-day extension of the Management Period.² You stated that the extension is needed to afford Verizon Wireless additional time to complete agreements to effect the required divestitures and to file the applications to transfer the licenses, authorizations, and leases associated with the divestiture assets.³ The Commission received one comment in support of your extension request.⁴

Consistent with the Commission's order approving the merger between Verizon Wireless and ALLTEL and pursuant to your letter of April 22, 2009, the Wireless Telecommunications

¹ See Applications of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Atlantis Holdings LLC, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Declaratory Ruling*, 23 FCC Rcd 17,444, 17,517-21 ¶¶ 157-170 (2008).

² Letter to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, from Nancy J. Victory, Wiley Rein LLP, Counsel for Verizon Wireless (dated Apr. 22, 2009).

³ *Id.* at 4.

⁴ Telephone USA Investment, Inc., Comments in Support of Request for Extension of Management Period (filed Apr. 28, 2009).

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Bureau hereby grants an extension of the divestiture period for up to 60 days. We find that such action effectuates the Commission's order approving the merger between Verizon Wireless and ALLTEL, and furthers the public interest.

Sincerely,

Katherine M. Harris
Deputy Chief, Mobility Division
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