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Catrice C. Williams, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
Two South Station, 4th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: DTC 08-12

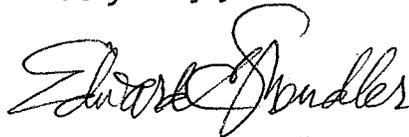
Dear Secretary Williams:

I wish to record my opposition to the petition of Verizon New England, Inc. in the above matter. The requirement of disclosure of the total number of subscribers is entirely reasonable.

If it is asserted by Verizon that that number is proprietary, or that its disclosure might adversely affect its competitive position, those arguments should be rejected. In the public media, including telecommunications in particular, there is no justification for any secrecy whatsoever.

One of the goals of the Federal Telecommunications Act was to insure open, fair and effective competition in the industry. That cannot be achieved by concealment of information. Full disclosure of all data is essential.

Very truly yours,



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