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Re: Docket 00-54 (Sprint/Verizon Arbitration)

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

This letter confirms that, per our discussion on January 16, 2000, Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts will file its response to Sprint Communications' pending Motion for Reconsideration on or before February 1, 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at the number above.

Si ncerel y,

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