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October 13, 2005

Beth O'Donnell Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602

## Re: William Wayne Whitworth, Case No. 2005-00385

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed is our Answer to the Formal Complaint referenced above.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by mail, facsimile, or on my direct line: (847) 706-1393.

Respectfully,

Jason T. Holldorf

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### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

) In the Matter of: )	
WILLIAM WAYNE WHITWORTH ) COMPLAINANT )	CASE NO. 2005-00385
V. )	ANSWER
) VERIZON WIRELESS ) DEFENDANT )	

NOW COMES Defendant, Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, misnamed in the Complaint as Verizon Wireless, and Answers:

- On 10/03/03, Complainant established Verizon Wireless Account Number 600599700 by signing up for the America's Choice 400 minute calling plan. A copy of the relevant calling plan brochure is attached as "Exhibit A." Throughout the life of the account, Complainant was billed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the plan. Copies of the detailed billing statements are attached as "Exhibit B."
- On 11/09/04, Verizon Wireless Account Number 600599700 was terminated by Verizon Wireless due to a valid, outstanding and unpaid balance of \$410.71.
- On 12/22/04, Verizon Wireless referred Verizon Wireless Account Number 600599700 to Diversified Consultants Incorporated (DCI), an outside collection agency.
- In referring this account to DCI, collection fees totaling \$90.35 were added to the account, which brought the total owed by Complainant to \$501.06.
- Verizon Wireless has been advised by DCI that on 01/14/05, DCI received a payment of \$250.53 from Complainant.
- On 07/25/05, Verizon Wireless received an informal complaint made through the Kentucky Public Service Commission, in which Complainant alleged that an agreement had been made between himself and DCl and/or Verizon Wireless that the \$250.53 paid to DCl on 01/14/05 was to serve as full and final satisfaction of the debt in question.
- Verizon Wireless has no record of any such agreement having been made with Complainant. DCI was not authorized by Verizon Wireless to accept this amount as full and final satisfaction of the debt. We have been advised by DCI that they do not have record of any such agreement having been made with Complainant.
- On 07/27/05, Verizon Wireless contacted Complainant regarding his claim that an agreement had been made that the \$250.53 payment he had made was in full and final satisfaction of the account in question. Complainant did not produce any documentation to confirm that any such agreement had been made.

- On 8/1/05, Verizon Wireless, as a courtesy to Complainant, pulled the account back "in-house" to allow Complainant thirty days to pay only \$160.18 to fully satisfy the debt, and thus avoid any outside collection agency fees. Complainant was advised accordingly. This \$160.18 represented the remaining original balance, once the \$250.53 payment was subtracted from the original balance of \$410.71.
- Verizon Wireless did not get a response back from Complainant regarding the offer to accept \$160.18 as full and final satisfaction of the debt. Accordingly, the offer expired on 8/31/05, at which time the balance of \$160.18 was placed back into the normal collections process.
- Pending the conclusion of the Public Service Commission's investigation into this Formal Complaint, Verizon Wireless will suspend all collection activity on this account.

WHEREFORE, Complainant has not presented any documentation to support his claims that there was an agreement in place that would allow him to pay \$250.53 to fully and finally satisfy the debt in question, as well as to have any derogatory reporting of this account removed from the credit bureaus. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of the State of Kentucky dismiss the claims as they are being made by the Claimant, and thus clear Defendant of any liability in regard to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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