# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 9)

General Communication, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, no par value Class B Common Stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

Class A Common Stock: 369385 10 9 Class B Common Stock: 369385 20 8

(CUSIP Number)

David S. Kauffman
Vice President and Associate General Counsel
Verizon Communications Inc.
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Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
(908) 559-6174

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 5, 2007

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box:  $\Box$ 

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| NUMBER OF                           | 8. SHARED VOTING POWER  |         |
| SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY              | Class A Common Stock: 50,000*   |         |
| OWNED BY                            | Class B Common Stock: 1,275,791**   |         |
| EACH                                | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |         |
| REPORTING<br>PERSON                 | None  |         |
| WITH                                | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  |         |
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|                                     | Class A Common Stock: 50,000* Class B Common Stock: 1,275,791**   |         |
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|                                     | B Common Stock: 1,275,791**   |         |
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| 13. PERCENT OF C                    | CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)   |         |
| Class                               | A Common Stocks 0.10/ *   |         |
|                                     | A Common Stock: 0.1%* B Common Stock: 37.7%**   |         |
| 14. TYPE OF REPO                    |   |         |
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| <ul> <li>Consists solely</li> </ul> | of 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options to purchase Class A Common Stock that have vested as of the date | of this |

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These shares are subject to a stock purchase agreement. See Item 3 of this Amendment No. 9.

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| SHARES                              | Class A Common Stock: 50,000*  |           |
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| OWNED BY<br>EACH                    | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |           |
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| PERSON<br>WITH                      | None  10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER   |           |
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| NAMES OF REI        | PORTING PERSONS  |           |
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| MCI (               | Communications Corporation 58-2358731  |           |
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| 3. SEC USE ONLY     |  |           |
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| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES | 6. SHARED VOTINGTOWER  |           |
| BENEFICIALLY        | Class A Common Stock: 50,000*  |           |
| OWNED BY            | Class B Common Stock: 1,275,791**  |           |
| EACH<br>REPORTING   | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |           |
| PERSON              | None   |           |
| WITH                | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER   |           |
|                     | Class A Common Stock: 50,000*  |           |
|                     | Class B Common Stock: 1,275,791**  |           |
| 11. AGGREGATE       | MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  |           |
| Class               | A Common Stock: 50,000*  |           |
|                     | B Common Stock: 1,275,791**  |           |
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| 1. NAMES OF REI   | PORTING PERSONS   |            |
|                   | CATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)   |            |
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|                   | PPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP   |            |
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| SHARES            | Class A. Camaran Charles 50 0004  |            |
| BENEFICIALLY      | Class A Common Stock: 50,000*   |            |
| OWNED BY<br>EACH  | Class B Common Stock: 1,275,791**  9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  |            |
| REPORTING         | 7. SOLE DISTOSITIVE TOWER   |            |
| PERSON            | None  |            |
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#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This Amendment No. 9 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D dated May 24, 1993, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated November 20, 1996, Amendment No. 2 dated November 9, 2001, Amendment No. 3 dated November 13, 2001, Amendment No. 4 dated March 22, 2002, Amendment No. 5 dated April 10 and 11, 2002, Amendment No. 6 dated August 29, 2003, Amendment No. 7 dated December 2, 2004 and Amendment No. 8 dated December 7, 2004 (as so amended, the "Schedule 13D"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Schedule 13D relates to the Class A Common Stock, no par value ("Class A Stock"), and the Class B Common Stock, no par value ("Class B Stock") of General Communication, Inc., an Alaska corporation (the "Issuer"), whose principal executive offices are located at 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

Item 2 is amended and restated in its entirety.

Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") is a Delaware corporation. The principal business of Verizon and its subsidiaries is telecommunications. Verizon closed on its acquisition of MCI, Inc. on January 6, 2006. MCI, Inc. was merged into Eli Acquisition, LLC, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon. Eli Acquisition, LLC was the survivor to the merger, and has been subsequently renamed Verizon Business Global LLC ("Verizon Business"). Verizon Business is a Delaware limited liability company and remains a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon. MCI Communications Corporation ("MCI") and Verizon Business Network Services Inc. (f/k/a MCI WORLDCOM Network Services, Inc.) ("Network Services," and, together with Verizon, Verizon Business and MCI, the "Reporting Persons") are Delaware corporations and are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Verizon.

The principal office of Verizon is 140 West Street, New York, New York 10007. The principal office of Verizon Business is One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920. The principal offices of MCI and Network Services are 22001 Loudoun County Parkway, Ashburn, Virginia 20147.

The directors and officers of each of the Reporting Persons are set forth on Schedule I hereto, which schedule lists for each such person his or her name, business address, present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted, and citizenship, all of which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons nor, to the best knowledge of each of them, any of the persons listed on Schedule I, has had any criminal conviction, and none has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order prohibiting future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

However, MCI, Inc. and its predecessor companies, as well as certain of its directors and executive officers, had criminal convictions and/or were party to civil proceedings, as described in previous Amendments to this Schedule 13D.

#### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Item 3 is amended to add the following at the end thereof:

On March 5, 2007, Network Services entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "2007 Stock Purchase Agreement") with John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie, and Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, as escrow agent, pursuant to which Network Services agreed to sell an aggregate of 1,275,791 shares of Class B Common Stock to Mr. Stanton and Ms. Gillespie. The transaction contemplated by the 2007 Stock Purchase Agreement is expected to close by mid-March 2007.

#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

No changes.

#### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety.

The Reporting Persons presently own beneficially 50,000 shares of Class A Stock (consisting solely of 50,000 shares of Class A Stock issuable upon exercise of options to purchase Class A Stock which are held by Network Services, as successor by merger to Worldcom Ventures, Inc.), representing approximately 0.1% of the presently outstanding shares of Class A Stock, based upon (a) a total of approximately 49,884,728 outstanding shares of Class A Stock as of October 31, 2006, as represented by the Issuer in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 and (b) the shares issuable upon exercise of the options to purchase Class A Stock as described above. The Reporting Persons presently own beneficially 1,275,791 shares of Class B Stock, representing approximately 37.7% of the presently outstanding shares of Class B Stock, based upon a total of approximately 3,380,257 outstanding shares of Class B Stock as of October 31, 2006, as represented by the Issuer in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. As set forth in Item 3 above, these shares of Class B Stock are subject to a stock purchase agreement.

Network Services, MCI (through Network Services), Verizon Business (through MCI), and Verizon (through Verizon Business) have the power to vote or direct the vote and the power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the securities of the Issuer that may be obtained upon the exercise of the options held by Network Services. Network Services, MCI (through Network Services), Verizon Business (through MCI), and Verizon (through Verizon Business) have the power to vote or direct the vote and the power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the securities of the Issuer owned by Network Services.

Except as set forth in Item 3 above, no transactions in securities of the Issuer were effected by any of the Reporting Persons, or, to the best knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, any of the persons listed on Schedule I hereto, during the 60-day period preceding the date hereof.

#### ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 6 is amended and restated in its entirety.

#### **Option Agreements**

Two option agreements (the "Option Agreements") entered into by the Issuer and WorldCom Ventures, Inc. are described in Item 3. Network Services is the successor by merger to WorldCom Ventures, Inc. The option agreements are filed as Exhibits 2 and 3 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated herein by reference.

#### 2007 Stock Purchase Agreement

The 2007 Stock Purchase Agreement entered into by Network Services and Mr. Stanton and Ms. Gillespie is described in Item 3. The 2007 Stock Purchase Agreement is filed as Exhibit 4 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 7. MATERIALS TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Attached hereto or incorporated herein are the following exhibits:

- 1. Joint Filing Agreement, dated March 6, 2007, among the Reporting Persons.
- 2. Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement between General Communication, Inc. and Verizon Network Services Inc. as successor by merger to WorldCom Ventures, Inc. relating to options granted in consideration of the services of the directors nominated by the Reporting Persons (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 11 to the Schedule 13D of the Issuer dated November 9, 2001 (SEC File No. 005-38452)).
- 3. Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement between General Communication, Inc. and Verizon Network Services Inc., as successor by merger to WorldCom Ventures, Inc. relating to options granted in consideration of the services of the directors nominated by the Reporting Persons (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 12 to the Schedule 13D of the Issuer dated November 9, 2001 (SEC File No. 005-38452)).
- 4. Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 5, 2007, between John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie, Verizon Business Network Services Inc. and Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, as escrow agent.

## SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 6, 2007

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

/s/ MARIANNE DROST

By: Marianne Drost

VERIZON BUSINESS GLOBAL LLC

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES INC.

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

Schedule I

## Verizon Communications Inc.

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Clarence Otis, Jr.

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Position and Principal Occupation

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Chairman, The Interlake Steamship Co. and New England Fast Ferry Company and Vice Chairman, Mormac Marine

Group, Inc. and Moran Towing Corporation. Director of The Brink's Company.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Popular, Inc. and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Banco

Popular de Puerto Rico. Director of Telecomunicaciones de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Retired Executive Vice President, Royal Dutch Shell plc. Director of Arrow Electronics, Inc.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Deere & Company. Director of General Electric Company.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

President of Strategic Advisory Services LLC; Retired Senior Vice President and Director of The Boston Consulting Group, Inc. Director of Rohm and Haas Company; The AES Corporation; Chairman of the Board of IXIS Advisor

Funds and Loomis Sayles Funds.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ARAMARK Holdings Corporation. Director of Federated Department Stores,

Inc.; Wachovia Corporation.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Former Chief Accountant of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Former Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers. Director of MGIC Investment Corporation; Morgan Stanley; Zurich Financial Services.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and PNC Bank, N.A. Director

of BlackRock, Inc.; Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs Company.

Director of Verizon Communications Inc.

 $Chairman\ and\ Chief\ Executive\ Officer,\ Darden\ Restaurants\ Inc.\ Director\ of\ VF\ Corporation.$ 

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Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc. Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution. Formerly Senior Advisor, Piper Rudnick LLP; President and Chief Executive Officer, National Urban League. Director of Metropolitan Life, Inc. and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Metropolitan Life insurance

Ivan G. Seidenberg

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Verizon Communications Inc.

Director of Honeywell International Inc.; Wyeth.

Walter V. Shipley

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc. Retired Chairman, The Chase Manhattan Corporation. Director of Exxon

Mobil Corporation; Wyeth.

John W. Snow

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc. President, JWS Associates, LLC. Former United States Secretary of the

Treasury. Director of Marathon Oil Corporation.

John R. Stafford

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc.; Retired Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Wyeth.

Director of Honeywell International Inc.

Robert D. Storey

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director of Verizon Communications Inc. Retired Partner, Thompson Hine LLP.

Dennis F. Strigl

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 President and Chief Operating Officer - Verizon Communications Inc.

William P. Barr

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Verizon Communications Inc.

John W. Diercksen

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007  $\label{lem:executive Vice President-Strategy, Development and Planning of Verizon Communications Inc. \\$ 

Shaygan Kheradpir

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007  $\label{thm:continuous} Executive\ Vice\ President\ and\ Chief\ Information\ Officer\ of\ Verizon\ Communications\ Inc.$ 

Lowell C. McAdam

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Executive Vice President and President and CEO - Verizon Wireless Joint Venture.

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140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Executive Vice President - Human Resources of Verizon Communications Inc.

Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Verizon Communications Inc.

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Thomas J. Tauke Executive Vice President - Public Affairs, Policy and Communications of Verizon Communications Inc.

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Communications Inc. Doreen A. Toben

President - Verizon Business.

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street New York, NY 10007

John F. Killian

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street New York, NY 10007

Virginia P. Ruesterholz Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007

President - Verizon Telecom.

Thomas A. Bartlett Senior Vice President and Controller of Verizon Communications Inc.

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street New York, NY 10007

Catherine T. Webster Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Verizon Communications Inc.

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street New York, NY 10007

## Verizon Business Global LLC

Position and Principal Occupation Name and Address\*

Dennis F. Strigl Director of Verizon Business Global LLC.

Verizon Communications Inc. 140 West Street

President and Chief Operating Officer - Verizon Communications Inc.

John F. Killian Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007

New York, NY 10007

Director and President of Verizon Business Global LLC.

President - Verizon Business.

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<sup>\*</sup> All of the above listed directors and officers are citizens of the United States.

Randal S. Milch

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Director and Senior Vice President - Legal and External Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Verizon Business

Global LLC

Francis J. Shammo

Verizon Communications Inc.

140 West Street New York, NY 10007 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Business Global LLC.

\* All of the above listed directors and officers are citizens of the United States.

## MCI Communications Corporation

| Name and Address*   | Position and Principal Occupation  |
|---|--|
| John F. Killian<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007   | Director and President & Chief Executive Officer of MCI Communications Corporation.  President – Verizon Business. |
| Randal S. Milch<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007   | Director and Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of MCI Communications Corporation.               |
| Francis J. Shammo<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007 | Director and Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of MCI Communications Corporation.                    |

<sup>\*</sup> All of the above listed directors and officers are citizens of the United States.

## Verizon Business Network Services Inc.

| Name and Address*   | Position and Principal Occupation  |  |
|---|--|--|
| John F. Killian<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007   | Director and President & Chief Executive Officer of Verizon Business Network Services Inc. President – Verizon Business. |  |
| Randal S. Milch<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007   | Director and Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Verizon Business Network Services Inc.              |  |
| Francis J. Shammo<br>Verizon Communications Inc.<br>140 West Street<br>New York, NY 10007 | Director and Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Business Network Services Inc.                   |  |

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## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing of the attached statement on Schedule 13D and of all amendments to such statement and that such statement and all amendments to such statement are made on behalf of each of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement on March 6, 2007.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

/s/ MARIANNE DROSt

By: Marianne Drost

VERIZON BUSINESS GLOBAL LLC

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES INC.

/s/ RANDAL S. MILCH

By: Randal S. Milch

## STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Stock Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of March 5, 2007 by and between John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie, as tenants in common ("Purchaser"), Verizon Business Network Services Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Seller"), and Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP, as escrow agent ("Escrow Agent").

#### Recitals

- A. Seller owns, beneficially and of record, 1,275,791 shares of the Class B Common Stock (the "Shares") of General Communication, Inc., an Alaska corporation (the "Company").
  - B. Seller desires to sell to Purchaser, and Purchaser desires to purchase from Seller, the Shares pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

#### Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

## **DEFINED TERMS**

Section 1.1 Definitions.

The following terms will have the following meanings in this Agreement:

- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person, with control being the ability to direct or cause the direction (whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise), directly or indirectly, of the management and policies of a Person.
- "Closing" means the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and shall be deemed to have occurred upon release by Escrow Agent of the Purchase Price to Seller.
  - "Company Filed Financial Statements" means the financial statements included in the Company SEC Filings.
- "Company SEC Filings" means reports, registration statements and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC from March 16, 2006 to the date of this Agreement that are publicly available by means of the SEC's EDGAR database.
  - "Escrow Deposit" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
  - "Filing" means any registration, declaration, application or filing.

"Governmental Entity" means any court, arbitrator, administrative or other governmental department, agency, commission, authority or instrumentality, domestic or foreign.

"Law" means any statute, law, ordinance, rule, regulation, registration, permit, order, license, decree, judgment or procedure enacted, adopted or applied by any Governmental Entity, including judicial decisions applying common law or interpreting any Law.

"Legal Proceeding" means any private or governmental action, suit, complaint, arbitration, legal or administrative proceeding or investigation.

"Liens" means all liens, pledges, claims, security interests, restrictions, mortgages, deeds of trust, tenancies and other possessory interests, conditional sale or other title retention agreements, assessments, easements and other burdens, options or encumbrances of any kind.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization or other entity.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Transfer Agent" means Mellon Investor Services LLC, as transfer agent for the Company's Class B Common Stock.

## ARTICLE 2

#### PURCHASE AND SALE; CLOSING

## Section 2.1 Purchase and Sale of Shares; Escrow

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Seller hereby sells to Purchaser and Purchaser hereby purchases from Seller all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Shares. As promptly as practicable after the execution hereof, (a) Seller shall deliver to Transfer Agent certificate(s) for the Shares, together with duly executed and medallion signature guaranteed (by a commercial bank or member firm of the New York Stock Exchange) stock power(s) relating to such Shares transferring the Shares to Purchaser and such other instruments and documents as may be necessary or appropriate in Purchaser's, the Company's or Transfer Agent's reasonable judgment to properly transfer the Shares to Purchaser; and (b) Purchaser shall wire transfer the Purchase Price to Escrow Agent, to be held in escrow by Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Deposit") and released as set forth herein. Upon Escrow Agent's receipt of notice from (x) Transfer Agent (the "Completed Transfer Notice") that the Shares have been reregistered into the name of Purchaser and the certificate therefor (registered in the name of Purchaser) has been transmitted by overnight delivery service to Purchaser at its address set forth in Section 6.6, or (y) Purchaser that it has received from Transfer Agent a certificate for the Shares registered in Purchaser's name (the "Purchaser Notice"), Escrow Agent shall wire

transfer the Purchase Price from the escrow to an account designated by Seller in written instructions delivered to Escrow Agent and Purchaser and remit any interest earned on the Escrow Deposit to Purchaser. Upon its receipt of (i) the Completed Transfer Notice Escrow Agent shall promptly fax or email copies thereof to Purchaser and Seller and (ii) the Purchaser Notice, Escrow Agent shall promptly fax or email a copy thereof to Seller. If Escrow Agent shall not have received either the Completed Transfer Notice or the Purchaser Notice by the 15th day after the date hereof, Escrow Agent shall return the Purchase Price (together with interest earned thereon) to Purchaser, Seller and Purchaser shall instruct Transfer Agent to return the Shares to Seller (and will execute such instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to restore the Shares to Seller) and this Agreement (except for Article V and Section 6.11) shall thereafter be null and void.

#### Section 2.2 Purchase Price.

Purchaser will pay to Seller as the purchase price for the Shares against delivery thereof to Purchaser an aggregate cash amount of \$18,498,969.50, equal to \$14.50 per Share (the "Purchase Price"), at the Closing by Escrow Agent's wire transfer of the Purchase Price to an account designated by Seller in written instructions delivered to Purchaser and Escrow Agent.

## Section 2.3 Registration Rights Agreement.

The Registration Rights Agreement (the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), pursuant to which the Shares may be registered for resale under certain circumstances set forth in such agreement, executed by the Company, shall (as a condition to the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been delivered concurrently with the execution hereof to Purchaser for execution, to be effective as of the Closing.

#### ARTICLE 3

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

## Section 3.1 Representations and Warranties of Seller.

Seller represents and warrants to Purchaser that

- (a) <u>Incorporation</u>; <u>Authorization</u>. Seller is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state in which it is incorporated and it has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action of such Seller.
- (b) Enforceability. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller enforceable in accordance with its terms against Seller except insofar as enforceability may be affected by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally or by principles governing the availability of equitable remedies.

- (c) No Conflicts. The execution and delivery of this Agreement do not and the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) violate or conflict with the organizational documents of Seller or (ii) violate or conflict with any Law, agreement or other restriction of any kind to which Seller is a party or by which Seller or the Shares or Seller's other assets are bound.
- (d) <u>Shares</u>. Seller is the record and beneficial owner of good, valid and marketable title to the Shares, free and clear of any Liens. Seller is not a party to or subject to, and none of the Shares it owns is subject to, any voting trust, voting agreement, proxy or other agreement or understanding with respect to the voting or transfer of such Shares; and there are no rights of first refusal, buy-sell arrangements, options, warrants, rights to acquire, calls or other commitments or contractual restrictions of any character relating to any of such Shares (other than any such restrictions created by this Agreement and other than any restrictions on transfer arising under the Securities Act and state securities laws). Upon payment of the Purchase Price, Purchaser will acquire from Seller good, valid and marketable title to the Shares, free and clear of any Liens.
- (e) <u>Consents</u>. No consent, authorization, approval, permit, license or waiver of, or (except for Seller's filing of a Form 4 and an amendment to its Schedule 13D with the SEC) notice to or Filing with any Governmental Entity or Person is required on behalf of Seller in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by the Seller or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (f) <u>Brokers' and Finders' Fees</u>. Seller has not, directly or indirectly, employed or retained any advisor, broker or agent or incurred any liability for any advisory, brokerage, finders' fees or agents' commissions or investment bankers' fees or any similar charges in connection with this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Disclaimer of Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties specifically set forth in the Section 3.1, Seller makes no warranties, express or implied, concerning the Seller, the Shares or the Company.

#### Section 3.2 Representations and Warranties of Purchaser.

Purchaser represents and warrants to Seller that:

- (a) Authorization. Purchaser has the capacity to enter into this Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder.
- (b) Enforceability. This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Purchaser enforceable in accordance with its terms against Purchaser except insofar as enforceability may be affected by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights generally or by principles governing the availability of equitable remedies.
- (c) No Conflicts. The execution and delivery of this Agreement do not and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby will not violate or conflict with any Law to which the Purchaser is subject, agreement or other restriction of any kind to which Purchaser is a party or by which it or its assets are bound.

- (d) <u>Consents</u>. No consent, authorization, approval, permit, license or waiver of, or (except for Purchaser's filing of a Form 3 and a Schedule 13D or 13G with the SEC) notice to or Filing with any Governmental Entity or Person is required on behalf of Purchaser in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by the Purchaser or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (e) <u>Investment Representations</u>; <u>Private Placement</u>. Purchaser understands that the Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act or under any state securities law or Blue Sky Law of any jurisdiction and that the sale of the Shares by Seller pursuant to this Agreement is intended to be exempt from registration in reliance upon federal and State exemptions for transactions not involving a public offering.

Purchaser is acquiring the Shares pursuant to this Agreement for its own account, for investment purposes only, and not with a view to the public resale or distribution thereof in violation of any federal, state or foreign securities Law. Purchaser acknowledges that the Shares must be held indefinitely unless a subsequent disposition thereof is registered or qualified under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws (if any) or unless an exemption from such registration or qualification is available.

Purchaser is an "accredited investor" (as that term is defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and by reason of its business and financial experience, it has such knowledge, sophistication and experience in business and financial matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment and is able to bear the economic risk of such investment.

- (f) <u>Purchaser's Diligence</u>. Purchaser acknowledges that copies of the Company SEC Filings, including the Company Filed Financial Statements, are available to Purchaser on the SEC EDGAR database. Purchaser has had an opportunity to review the Company SEC Filings and has been given a reasonable opportunity to ask questions of and receive answers relating to the business, financial position, results of operations, prospects and any other matters related to the Company. Purchaser has availed itself of such opportunity to the full extent desired. Purchaser understands the Company SEC Filings and all documents, financial statements and other information so provided.
- (g) <u>Brokers' and Finders' Fees</u>. Purchaser has not, directly or indirectly, employed or retained any advisor, broker or agent or incurred, nor will it incur, directly or indirectly, any liability for brokerage or finders' fees or agents' commissions or investment bankers' fees or any similar charges in connection with this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 4

## COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Publicity.

Each of the parties agrees not to, and to cause each of their respective subsidiaries and Affiliates not to, issue, or cause or permit to be issued, any press release or other public statement regarding this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby without consulting

with the other parties prior to making such release or statement, except, if, in the judgment of the disclosing party, such release or statement is required by Law (including the rules and regulations of the SEC) or by any securities exchange or association on which such party's or its subsidiaries' or Affiliates' securities are traded (including pursuant to any listing agreement), in which case the party required to make the release or announcement shall allow the other party reasonable time to comment on such release or announcement (so as to confirm the accuracy of any statements therein regarding such other party, among other things) in advance of such issuance

#### ARTICLE 5

#### ESCROW AGENT MATTERS

#### Section 5.1 Investment of the Escrow Deposit.

The Escrow Deposit shall be invested and reinvested by Escrow Agent in such interest earning investments as Escrow Agent invests from time to time other escrow funds which it may hold.

Escrow Agent shall have the right to liquidate any investments held in order to provide funds necessary to make required payments under this Agreement. Escrow Agent, in its capacity as escrow agent hereunder, shall not have any liability for any loss sustained as a result of any investment made pursuant to this Agreement or as a result of any liquidation of any investment prior to its maturity.

## Section 5.2 General Instructions.

To induce Escrow Agent to act hereunder, it is further agreed by the parties that:

- (a) Escrow Agent shall not be under any duty to give the Escrow Deposit held by it hereunder any greater degree of care than it gives its own similar property and shall not be required to invest any funds held hereunder except as directed in this Agreement. Funds held hereunder shall be invested in accordance with this Article V.
- (b) This Agreement expressly sets forth all the duties of Escrow Agent with respect to any and all matters pertinent hereto. No implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against Escrow Agent. Escrow Agent shall not be bound by the provisions of any agreement among the other parties hereto except this Agreement.
- (c) Escrow Agent shall not be liable, except for its own bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct, and, except with respect to claims based upon such bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct that are successfully asserted against Escrow Agent, the other parties hereto shall jointly and severally indemnify and hold harmless Escrow Agent (and any successor to Escrow Agent) from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, actions, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, arising out of and in connection with this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Escrow Agent shall in no event be liable in connection with its investment or reinvestment of any cash held by it hereunder in good faith, in accordance with the terms hereof, including, without limitation, any

liability for any delays (not resulting from its own bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct) in the investment or reinvestment of the Escrow Deposit, or any loss of interest incident to any such delays. In the event that any party hereto is required to indemnify and hold harmless Escrow Agent pursuant to this Section 5.2(c), such party shall have the right to seek contribution from the other parties hereto (other than Escrow Agent) for amounts paid or payable in respect of such indemnity to the extent permitted by law. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall Escrow Agent be liable for special, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if Escrow Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The parties hereto acknowledge that the foregoing indemnities shall survive the resignation or removal of Escrow Agent or the termination of this Agreement.

- (d) Escrow Agent shall be entitled to rely upon any order, judgment, award, certification, demand, notice, instrument or other writing or facsimile transmission delivered to it hereunder without being required to determine the authenticity or the correctness of any fact stated therein or the propriety or validity of the service thereof. Escrow Agent may act in reliance upon any instrument or signature believed by it to be genuine (whether an original signature or a copy or facsimile transmission thereof) and may assume that any person purporting to give notice or receipt or advice or make any statement or execute any document in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so.
- (e) The duties and obligations of Escrow Agent are as set forth in this Agreement and are purely ministerial in nature. Escrow Agent may act pursuant to the advice of counsel with respect to any matter relating to this Agreement and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted in good faith in accordance with such advice.
  - (f) Escrow Agent does not have any interest in the Escrow Deposit but is serving as escrow holder only and having only possession thereof.
- (g) Any payments of income from the Escrow Deposit shall be subject to withholding regulations then in force with respect to United States taxes. Purchaser will provide Escrow Agent with Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or Form W-8, as applicable, for tax identification number certification. It is understood that Escrow Agent shall be responsible for income reporting only with respect to income earned on investment of funds which are a part of the Escrow Deposit, which shall be reported as income of Purchaser, and is not responsible for any other reporting. This paragraph and paragraph (c) of this Section 5.2 shall survive notwithstanding termination of this Agreement or the resignation of Escrow Agent.
- (h) Escrow Agent makes no representation as to the validity, value, genuineness or the collectibility of any security or other documents or instrument held by or delivered to it.
- (i) Escrow Agent (and any successor to Escrow Agent) may at any time resign as such by delivering the Escrow Deposit and all earnings thereon to any successor to Escrow Agent jointly designated by the other parties hereto in writing, or to any court of competent jurisdiction, whereupon Escrow Agent shall be discharged of and from any and all further obligations arising in connection with this Agreement. Escrow Agent shall promptly deliver written notice of its resignation to the other parties hereto. The resignation of Escrow Agent will

take effect on the earlier of (i) the appointment of a successor (including a court of competent jurisdiction) or (ii) the day which is 30 days after the date of delivery of its written notice of resignation to the other Parties hereto. If at that time Escrow Agent has not received a designation of a successor to Escrow Agent, Escrow Agent's sole responsibility after that time shall be to safe-keep the Escrow Deposit until receipt of a designation of successor to Escrow Agent or a joint written disposition instruction by the other parties hereto or a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (j) In the event of any disagreement between Seller and Purchaser resulting in adverse claims or demands being made in connection with the Escrow Deposit, or in the event that Escrow Agent in good faith is in doubt as to what action it should take hereunder, Escrow Agent shall be entitled to retain the Escrow Deposit (or such part thereof as is the subject of such disagreement) until Escrow Agent shall have received (i) a written decision of a court of competent jurisdiction in New York (the "Court") directing the delivery of all or such part of the Escrow Deposit; or (ii) a written agreement executed by Seller and Purchaser acting jointly directing delivery of the Escrow Deposit or such part thereof. Any written decision referred to in (i) above shall (unless such Court decision was sought and obtained by Escrow Agent) be accompanied by a certificate of a duly authorized representative of the presenting party reasonably satisfactory to Escrow Agent to the effect that said written decision of the Court and is final. Escrow Agent shall act on such written decision of the Court without further question.
- (k) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Seller expressly acknowledges that Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP is presently serving as counsel to Purchaser. Accordingly, neither Escrow Agent's services as Escrow Agent hereunder nor any provision hereof, either express or implied, shall restrict or inhibit Escrow Agent in any way from representing Purchaser or any of its affiliates, or any of their officers, directors, stockholders, members, partners or affiliates in any transaction, matter, action, dispute, controversy, arbitration, suit or negotiation arising under this Agreement or under any other agreement or in any manner or context whatsoever, whether or not, directly or indirectly, involving Purchaser or any of its affiliates, or any of their respective officers, directors, stockholders, members, partners or affiliates.
- (1) Escrow Agent shall be entitled to be compensated by Purchaser at its standard hourly charges for its services as an Escrow Agent hereunder and shall in addition be reimbursed by Purchaser for costs and expenses normally billed by such law firm. In addition (but without duplication), Escrow Agent shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by Escrow Agent in performance of its duties hereunder (including reasonable fees, expenses and disbursements of its counsel). The costs and expenses of Escrow Agent and its counsel (unless paid pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 5.2(1)) shall be borne jointly and severally by Purchaser and Seller. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to require Escrow Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not assured to it.

(m) It is understood that Escrow Agent and the beneficiary's bank in any funds transfer may rely solely upon any account numbers or similar identifying number provided by either of the other parties hereto to identify (i) the beneficiary, (ii) the beneficiary's bank, or (iii) an intermediary bank. Escrow Agent may apply any of the escrowed funds for any payment order it executes using any such identifying number, even where its use may result in a person other than the beneficiary being paid, or the transfer of funds to a bank other than the beneficiary's bank, or an intermediary bank designated.

#### ARTICLE 6

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

## Section 6.1 Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants.

Regardless of any investigation made at any time by or on behalf of any party hereto or of any information any party may have in respect thereof, each of the representations, warranties and covenants made in this Agreement will survive the Closing, provided that under no circumstance shall the aggregate amount payable by either Seller or Purchaser for breach of its representations, warranties and covenants made in this Agreement exceed the Purchase Price (except in the case of Seller's breach of any of its representations and warranties made in Section 3.1(d), for which the amount of Seller's liability shall not be so limited).

#### Section 6.2 Amendment; Waiver.

This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto. Any failure of any of the parties hereto to comply with any obligation, covenant, agreement or condition contained herein may be waived only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed by the party or parties to be bound by such waiver, but such waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with such obligation, covenant, agreement or condition will not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any other failure.

## Section 6.3 Further Assurances.

If at any time after the Closing any further action is necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this Agreement, each party will take such further actions (including the execution and delivery of instruments and documents), without additional consideration, as the other party reasonably may request.

#### Section 6.4 Expenses and Obligations.

All costs and expenses incurred by the parties hereto in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will be borne solely and entirely by the party that has incurred such expenses.

### Section 6.5 No Third Party Beneficiaries.

This Agreement will be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto and their successors and assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any other Person any rights or remedies of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

## Section 6.6 Notices.

(a) All notices and other communications hereunder will be in writing and will be deemed given if delivered personally, telecopied, mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), or sent by recognized overnight courier to a party (or to the extent set forth in Section 2.1, emailed) to the address set forth for such party below (or at such other address for a party as will be specified by like notice):

## If to Purchaser:

John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie 155 108th Avenue, N.E., Suite 450 Bellevue, WA 98004 Facsimile: 425-458-5999 Email: john.stanton@trilogy-partners.net

## With a copy, which will not constitute notice, to:

Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP 1633 Broadway New York, NY 10019-6708 Attn: Barry A. Adelman, Esq. Facsimile: 212-833-1250 Email: badelman@fklaw.com

## If to Seller:

Verizon Communications Inc. 22001 Loudoun County Parkway Ashburn, VA 20147 Attn: Stephen R. Mooney Facsimile: (703) 886-0895

Email: stephen.mooney@verizonbusiness.com

## With a copy to:

One Verizon Way VC54S241 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 Attn: Stuart M. Kuntz, Esq. Facsimile: (908) 696-2063 Email: stuart.kuntz@verizon.com

Verizon Communications Inc.

#### If to Escrow Agent:

Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP 1633 Broadway New York, NY 10019-6708 Attn: Barry A. Adelman, Esq. Facsimile: 212-833-1250 Email: badelman@fklaw.com

(b) Any of the above addresses may be changed at any time by notice given as provided above; however, any such notice of change of address will be effective only upon receipt. All notices, requests or instructions given in accordance herewith will be deemed received on the date of delivery, if hand delivered, on the date receipt is confirmed, if telecopied, three business days after the date of mailing, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and one business day after the date sent, if sent by recognized overnight courier.

#### Section 6.7 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile transmission) in counterparts, all of which will be considered one and the same agreement and will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered to the other parties, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart.

## Section 6.8 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements, letters of intent and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no representations or warranties, agreements or covenants other than those expressly set forth this Agreement.

#### Section 6.9 Severability.

In the event that any provision of this Agreement becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable or void, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect without said provision; provided that no such severance shall be effective if it materially changes the economic benefit of this Agreement to any party.

## Section 6.10 Governing Law.

This Agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the internal laws of the State of New York (without reference to its rules as to conflicts of law).

## Section 6.11 Consent to Jurisdiction.

Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal court for the Southern District of New York and state courts located in

the Borough of Manhattan, New York for any suit, action or proceeding among them arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and agree that it will not bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the transactions in any court other than the aforesaid courts. Each party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives to the fullest extent permitted by law, (a) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the jurisdiction or venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court; and (b) any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon each party duly served with process therein and may be enforced in any jurisdiction in which any party or any of its property is located. Any service of process to be made in such action or proceeding may be made by delivery of process in accordance with the notice provisions contained in Section 6.6.

#### Section 6.12 Attorneys Fees.

The prevailing party in any action by any party to this Agreement to enforce its rights under this Agreement will be entitled to recover, in addition to any other relief awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction, its reasonable costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, of preparing for and participating in such action.

#### Section 6.13 Headings.

All Section headings are for reference and convenience purposes only and are not entitled to, nor should they, be accorded substantive effect.

### Section 6.14 Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES ITS RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

## Section 6.15 Parent Joinder.

For purposes of all obligations of Seller under this Agreement, including any liability indemnity or other payment obligations of the Seller hereunder, Verizon Communications Inc. hereby agrees to be bound by such obligations jointly and severally with the Seller and agrees that all such obligations and all agreements of Seller herein (including, without limitation, those set forth in Article V) may be enforced against Verizon Communications Inc. by Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement to the same extent as if Verizon Communications Inc. were a party to this Agreement and bound hereby.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have caused this Stock Purchase Agreement to be signed, all as of the date first written above.

## PURCHASER:

## /s/ JOHN W. STANTON

## /s/ THERESA E. GILLESPIE

John W. Stanton and Theresa E. Gillespie, as tenants in common

## SELLER:

By:

## VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES INC.

By: /s/ JOHN F. KILLIAN

Name: John F. Killian

Title: President & Chief Executive Officer

## ESCROW AGENT:

FRIEDMAN KAPLAN SEILER & ADELMAN LLP, as Escrow Agent

/s/ Gregg S. Lerner

Name: Gregg S. Lerner
Title: Member of the Firm

The undersigned hereby join as parties to the foregoing Agreement for the limited purposes provided in Section 5.15 of this Agreement.

## VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By: /s/ JOHN F. KILLIAN

Name: John F. Killian

Title: Authorized Representative