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Via E-Mail

California Public Utilities Commission
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RE: MCI Communications Services, Inc. (U-5378-C) d/b/a Verizon Business Services
2017 General Order 156 Compliance Filing – Annual Report and Annual Plan

California Public Utilities Commission:

Pursuant to General Order 156, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services hereby submits its 2017 Annual Report and Annual Plan. This report is available to others upon request.

Sincerely,

Heidi Barsuglia / eab

Attachment



**WOMEN, MINORITY, AND
DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL PLAN**

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2017

**Submitted by
MCI Communications Services, Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Business Services**

Report Summary

MCI Communications Services, Inc. (U-5378-C) (d.b.a. Verizon Business Services) submits this 2017 Annual Report and Annual Plan in compliance with GO 156, Sections 9 and 10. Section 9 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 156 requires utilities to file an annual report discussing ten topics. Section 10 of GO 156 requires utilities to discuss its plans to increase the following reporting year's expenditures. MCI Communications Services, Inc. (d.b.a. Verizon Business Services) submits this 2017 Annual Report and Annual Plan in compliance with GO 156, Sections 9 and 10.

Verizon's supplier diversity program is key to our brand, reputation and growing the bottom line. It's a business imperative because we know having suppliers from a variety of backgrounds affords us diversity of thoughts, ideas and values that helps drive our business forward. Diverse suppliers provide agility, innovation and competitive solutions which allows us to provide our customers with new and exciting technologies and platforms.

Verizon consolidated its supplier diversity organization at the corporate level for increased efficiency and service. The detailed reporting required by GO 156 Section 9 submitted by Verizon Wireless represents that consolidated initiative; therefore, documentation in Verizon Wireless' report addresses the accomplishments of 2017 and the Annual Plan for 2018 for Verizon Business Services and will not be repeated here.

Exhibit 1

MCI 2017 GO 156 Filing Summary¹			
	Dollars		Percent
African American Male	\$ 82,366,312		19.62%
African American Female	\$ -		0.00%
Hispanic Male	\$ 1,022,802		0.24%
Hispanic Female	\$ 4,392,310		1.05%
Asian Male	\$ 7,123,709		1.70%
Asian Female	\$ 21,700,954		5.17%
Native American Male	\$ -		0.00%
Native American Female	\$ -		0.00%
Total MBE	\$ 116,606,086		27.78%
Women Owned	\$ 24,407,276		5.82%
Disabled Veteran	\$ 1,232,575		0.29%
MBE	\$ 116,606,086		27.78%
WBE	\$ 24,407,276		5.82%
DVBE	\$ 1,232,575		0.29%
Purchase Base	\$ 419,701,758		

¹ The Purchase Base and diverse supplier spending dollar amounts shown in Exhibit 1 are estimates using a national system and are not limited to Verizon Business spending for business activity in California.