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Subject: Voice Link

I am writing you in response to your request for comments on Voice Link on Fire Island. I personally have installed the system in my home and have no complaints. I understand that the cost associated with keeping a copper wire system operational over a large area for a limited number of residents is high and understand the reasons for the Voice Link system.

However it is also my understanding that the PSC has required Verizon to provide the various government agencies on Fire Island with either copper wire or a fiber optic connection. This is certainly wise however it does not go far enough. This requirement should be extended to commercial establishments and Clubs that serve the various communities. In Saltaire I am president of the Saltaire Yacht Club Inc. We have over 250 families that are members. We need a secure system to transmit data and both the Verizon and Hughes networks are not as powerful as the internet connection previously provided to us by Verizon. We also had a fire alarm system, required by the Village, that operated through Verizon. This is no longer operational with Voice Link and we need to find another system.

In Saltaire, the Yacht Club is the only other organization that would qualify under this suggestion and it is quite close to the Village Hall. If the store reopens it is in the same area. The fact is that the commercial establishments in the various communities are generally located near one other and this should not be a major issue for Verizon. In Kismet the two restaurants and store are near the bay. The same is true in Fair Harbor. In Ocean Beach all the retail establishments are in the same general area.

I would urge the PSC to require Verizon to provide secure land lines and internet to all clubs and commercial establishments on the Fire Island.

Sincerely yours,

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