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A PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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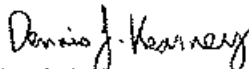
Re: Lobbying Report for Employers and Amended Registrations,
VERIZON (Formerly BELL ATLANTIC Government
Affairs) #49670-24 and
NATIONAL GRID USA (Formerly NEES/New England Electric
System) #49670-12

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find Lobbying Reports and Amended Registration forms to be filed on behalf of Choate, Hall & Stewart, for lobbying activities under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call me.

Very truly yours,


Dennis J. Kearney

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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 53 State Street,			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Boston State/Zip (or Country) MA 02109			
4. Contact Name Dennis J. Kearney	Telephone 617/248-5000	E-mail (optional) djk choate.com	5. Senate ID # 49670-24
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Verizon (formerly Bell Atlantic)			6. House ID # 34515000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇒ Termination Date _____

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>25,932.75</u> <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature Dennis J. Kearney
 Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart Client Name Verizon

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1746, HR 727, HR 3916, S 94, S 1004,
S 2330

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Senate and House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Dennis J. Kearney, Partner		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature Dennis J. Kearney Date August 14, 2000

Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart Client Name Verizon

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15. General issue area code TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1291, HR 1685, HR 1686, HR 2420, HR 4019, HR 4449, HR 4267,
HR 4460, HR 4462, S 467, S 877, S 1034, S 1043

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Senate and House of Representatives

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Signature Dennis J. Kearney Date August 14, 2000
Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Bell Atlantic
Dennis J. Kearney - Washington Expenses
January - June 2000

1/12/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
1/12/00	159.79	Hotel	Travel
1/12/00	45.50	Taxis	Travel
1/12/00	5.00	Meals	
	<u>\$ 516.29</u>	Total for January 12-13, 2000	
1/27/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
1/27/00	112.25	Hotel	Travel
1/27/00	52.50	Taxis	Travel
1/27/00	5.00	Meals	
	<u>\$ 475.75</u>	Total for January 27-28, 2000	
	<u>\$ 992.04</u>	TOTAL FOR JANUARY 2000	

3/29/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
3/29/00	105.92	Hotel	Travel
3/29/00	8.00	Meal	
3/29/00	47.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 466.92</u>	Total for March 29-30, 2000	
	<u>\$ 466.92</u>	TOTAL FOR MARCH 2000	

5/3/00	\$ 612.00	Air Fare	Travel
5/3/00	216.41	Hotel	Travel
5/3/00	90.00	Meals	
5/3/00	68.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 986.41</u>	Total for May 3-4, 2000	

5/24/00	\$ 612.00	Air Fare	Travel
5/24/00	211.83	Hotel	Travel
5/24/00	97.55	Meals	
5/24/00	66.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 987.38</u>	Total for May 24-25, 2000	
	\$1,973.79	TOTAL FOR MAY 2000	

\$3,432.75	TOTAL
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