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Ms. Debra Howland
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State of New Hampshire PUC
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Re: Fast Track Arbitration Request

Dear Ms. Howland,

Over the past several years, RedNet has worked closely with Verizon and has been a good customer, taking both collocation and dark fiber services in several areas. For the most part, we have a good working relationship with the folks at Verizon; however, we are concerned with some dark fiber responses that we recently received. Specifically:

On November 15, 2007 RedNet made a dark fiber inquiry for fiber availability between Candia and Raymond. Verizon responded to this inquiry on December 12, 2007 with a response indicating that there was no spare fiber available.

From what we can discern, Verizon reports that they have [REDACTED] fiber sheaths ([REDACTED] total fiber strands) from Candia to Raymond with [REDACTED] fiber strands in use by Verizon, [REDACTED] strands in use by other carriers, and [REDACTED] strands assigned for maintenance.

Considering the small populations of Raymond and Candia it seems crazy that [REDACTED] fiber strands are needed, and efficiently used, to handle the traffic between these two locations. Given that Verizon reports the highest transmission capacity between these two locations is [REDACTED], the capacity on that link alone is capable of handling over [REDACTED] simultaneous phone calls, which would mean virtually everyone in New Hampshire could talk to each other at the same time.

We have examined other fiber inquiries RedNet has submitted in the past and found that these fiber strands are not simply 'passing through' to reach other locations as the fiber counts from the neighboring offices, such as Deerfield and Epping are showing only [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] strands in use by Verizon.

We hereby request your assistance in getting the Fast Track Arbitration process resolved. We have confidentially included the Cable Documentation that Verizon

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provided and if there is more information we need to provide to yourself or Verizon please let us know. Our goal in this case is obtaining dark fiber from Manchester to Portsmouth or Durham. We are pleased to pay Verizon's fees associated with obtaining this dark fiber, and it appears that there is sufficient dark fiber available for all of the segments along our intended route, except this single segment between Candia and Raymond which Verizon reports as utilizing nearly double the fiber count of any other segment in the path. Another interesting point is, when we make inquiries on alternate routes to achieve dark fiber connectivity to the Portsmouth/Durham area, Verizon always reports at least one blockage that prevents connectivity – no matter which direction we try.

Would you please advise what the next step is? Please feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Verizon Dispute Summary
Verizon Dispute Response
Map of Area of Interest