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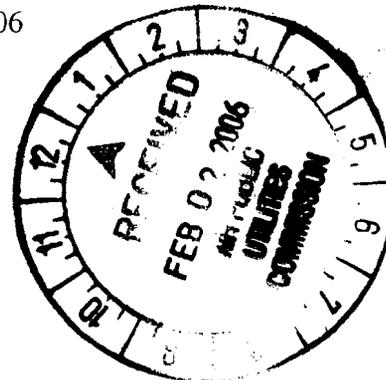
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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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Re: Docket No. DT 06-012
Verizon New Hampshire
NHPUC Tariff 84

Docket No. DT 05-083
Verizon New Hampshire
Wire Center Investigation

Dear Ms. Howland:

On January 31, 2006, the Commission conducted a prehearing conference in Docket No. DT 06-012. The parties and staff participated in a technical session after the prehearing conference, as well as a technical session in related Docket No. DT 05-083 shortly thereafter. Please treat this letter as Staff's report of both technical sessions.

Participating in the DT 06-012 technical session along with Staff were representatives of Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon), BayRing Communications (BayRing), segTEL Inc. (segTEL), and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA). Discussion centered on Verizon's proposed revisions to Tariff 84, which would allow it to convert certain unbundled network element (UNE) circuits to interstate-tariffed special access pricing as an alternative to circuit disconnection after the March 11, 2006 transition period defined in the current tariff.

In the view of Staff, the DT 06-012 technical session suggests that:

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- (1) Before the proposed tariff revisions are applicable, a Verizon wire center must be classified as competitively unimpaired and that classification is still at issue in Docket No. DT 05-083; and
- (2) Verizon and the CLECs do not agree on whether the circuit conversion proposed in the tariff revisions is reasonable.

Participants agreed that conclusions reached in Docket No. DT 05-083 will have a direct bearing on negotiations in DT 06-012 and agreed to work towards resolution of both dockets before March 11, 2006.

Participating in the DT 05-083 technical session along with Staff were representatives of Verizon, BayRing, segTEL, Conversent Communications, Great Works Internet (GWI), CTC Communications-Lightship, and the OCA. Discussions focused on the need for agreement on wire center impairment determination before March 11, 2006.

Participants in the DT 05-083 technical session agreed to the following:

- (1) Steve Merrill from the OCA will assist Staff in preparing a factual affidavit, which will be distributed to the Parties no later than February 8, 2006.
- (2) The affidavit will outline circumstances in five wire centers as of the time discovery responses were prepared for DT 05-083.
- (3) Staff will prepare and circulate an outline of briefing questions for the Parties.
- (4) Parties will have an opportunity to file briefs with the Commission by February 17, 2006.
- (5) It would be reasonable and efficient for the Commission to consolidate the two dockets and render a decision applicable to both by March 10, 2006.

Should the Commission approve this proposed procedural course, the participants contemplate that each docket can advance to final decision without the need for further technical sessions.

Sincerely,



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