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**Special Contract between Verizon and
Peoples Heritage Financial Group**

Order Denying Special Contract No. 00-14

O R D E R N O. 23,548

September 6, 2000

On August 7, 2000, Verizon New Hampshire (formerly Bell Atlantic-New Hampshire) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with New Hampshire RSA §378:18(b), a Special Contract to provide Frame Relay and Superpath services to Peoples Heritage Financial Group. In support of the filing, Bell Atlantic submitted records and information, including cost support analysis, that are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA §378:43.

Staff has reviewed the contract and found that the required customer affidavit was not provided. The Commission's Order in Docket No. DT 99-018 regarding Special Contracts states that Verizon must "provide an affidavit from the target customer attesting to CLEC responses made to a solicitation of bids for the services covered by the special contract" (Order No. 23,493 at 6-7). Due to the missing information, Staff has recommended that the contract be denied

without prejudice. We note that we have not had a chance to consider the merits of the contract.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Special Contract between Verizon and Peoples Heritage Financial Group is hereby DENIED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixth day of September, 2000.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary