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VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Section 271 Application Review

Order Approving Procedural Schedule

O R D E R N O. 23,768

August 30, 2001

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued in this docket on August 10, 2001 a Procedural Meeting was held at the Commission offices on August 16, 2001, to begin the non-adjudicative review of Verizon New Hampshire's proposed application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for entry into the interLATA market in New Hampshire as permitted by §271 of the Telecommunications Act (TAct). Paul Hartman, a consultant to the Commission, presided at the Procedural Meeting, at which the following parties indicated their intent to participate: Network Plus, Inc.; PaeTec Communications, Inc.; CTC Communications Corporation, Sprint Communication Company, LP; AT&T Communications of New Hampshire, Inc.; Global NAPs, Inc.; Conversent Communications of New Hampshire, LLC; RNK Telecom, Freedom Ring Communications, LLC d/b/a Bay Ring Communications; Granite State Telephone, Inc., Merrimack County Telephone Company, Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.; Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.; Hollis Telephone Company, Inc.; Dunbarton Telephone Company Inc.; Northland Telephone

Company of Maine, Inc.; Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc.; Dixville Telephone Company and Lightship Telecom. The Office of the Consumer Advocate indicated its intent to participate on behalf of residential ratepayers consistent with RSA 363:28. The FCC and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) have indicated that they will not participate but have requested inclusion on the service list. Subsequent to the Procedural Meeting, Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and Covad Communications Company indicated their intent to participate.

At the Procedural Meeting guidelines for the non-adjudicatory process were discussed and a procedural schedule agreed upon. We approve the procedural schedule as detailed below with the understanding that Verizon New Hampshire will not file its application with the FCC until after the completion of this process.

August 27	CLECs et al. submit proposed discovery
August 28	Verizon raises any objections to discovery
August 29	Teleconference on proposed CLEC discovery if necessary
August 30	PUC issues discovery to Verizon
September 6	Verizon submits discovery responses

September 10	
10 a.m.	Comments on Verizon responses
3 p.m.	Teleconference on discovery responses if necessary
September 21	CLECs et al. declarations
September 25	Verizon submits proposed discovery
September 26	CLECs et al. raise any objections to discovery
September 27	Teleconference on proposed Verizon discovery if necessary
September 28	PUC issues discovery to CLECs
October 10	CLECs submit discovery responses
October 12	
10 a.m.	Comments on CLECs responses
4 p.m.	Teleconference on CLEC responses if necessary
October 22	Verizon submits reply declaration
October 29	CLECs et al. submit reply declarations
October 30	Meeting on hearing schedule
October 31	Detailed hearing schedule issued
November 2	Hearings
November 5-9	Hearings
November 14	Responses to record requests due
November 21	Briefs due
November 28	Oral argument schedule issued
December 5-7	Oral arguments

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby
ORDERED,** that the above procedural schedule is
APPROVED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New
Hampshire this thirtieth day of August, 2001.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary