

DT 03-019

VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE/AMERICAN LONG LINES, INC.

Order Approving Adopted Interconnection Agreement

O R D E R N O. 24,142

March 17, 2003

On February 7, 2003, Verizon New England d/b/a Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) and American Long Lines, Inc. ("AmLL") jointly filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TAct), 47 U.S.C. § 252(i). This Agreement adopts the form and terms of an agreement that was originally negotiated between Verizon New Hampshire and SBC Telecom, Inc. in Docket No. DT 01-209 which became effective January 22, 2002 by Nisi Order No. 23,877 (December 21, 2001).

American Long Lines, Inc., has applied for authorization to become a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in Docket No. DT 02-217 and was previously certified a Toll Provider by IXC No. 16397.

The subject Interconnection Agreement is a comprehensive set of terms and conditions that will facilitate the provisioning of telecommunications service by "AmLL" as a CLEC in New Hampshire.

Staff recommends the Agreement go into effect immediately because it provides for the adoption of an agreement

previously approved by Order Nisi in Docket No. DT 01-209. No comments or request for a hearing were received in that docket.

As the Agreement is an adoption of an agreement currently in effect, we will accept Staff's recommendation and allow this Agreement to be effective immediately.

We note that "AmLL" may purchase services or unbundled elements from Verizon's Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) and its subsequent revisions.

In order to promote the continued growth of competitive telecommunications services in New Hampshire, we will require "AmLL" to comply with our notice requirements regarding "Fresh Look" opportunities pursuant to Order Nos. 22,798 and 22,903. The recommended method for giving notice is to provide the Commission with a contemporaneous copy of the Confirmation of Code Activation form which is used to notify the North American Numbering Code Administrator.

As new competitors enter the telecommunications market, we recognize that New Hampshire's 603 area code encounters constantly increasing demand. Accordingly, we will require that "AmLL" request and use numbers responsibly and conservatively, and invite "AmLL" to explore alternative mechanisms to use existing numbers as efficiently as possible. In approving this Agreement, we require "AmLL" to comply with our orders on number

conservation including Order No. 23,385 issued January 7, 2000, and Order No. 23,392 issued January 27, 2000, as well as further orders issued by the Commission concerning this matter.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Interconnection Agreement between American Long Lines, Inc. and Verizon New Hampshire is APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that American Long Lines, Inc. is required to comply with our Order No. 23,385 issued January 7, 2000, Order No. 23,392 issued January 27, 2000, and further orders issued by the Commission concerning number conservation; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that American Long Lines, Inc. is prohibited from placing any orders under this Agreement and from otherwise doing business in New Hampshire until such time as American Long Lines, Inc. has complied with all requirements of applicable federal and state law or regulation; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that American Long Lines, Inc. will notify the Commission within ten days of making their first facility-based commercial call in any exchange that has not already been opened to a "Fresh Look" opportunity as ordered in Docket DE 96-420; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any clause in the Agreement found to be in violation of any Commission order is null and void.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventeenth day of March, 2003.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Assistant Executive Director