

DT 03-203

VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Joint Petition to Modify Service Territory Boundary

Order Nisi Approving Boundary Modification

O R D E R   N O.   24,250

December 16, 2003

On October 24, 2003, Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) filed a petition to modify the service territory boundary of Verizon as described below and as depicted on a revised franchise map submitted with the petition.

The petition requests approval to modify the service territory boundary between the Salem and Derry exchanges. There are currently no customers receiving service from Verizon in this service area. Housing construction has begun which straddles the Salem/Derry exchange boundary. Verizon is unable to extend Salem exchange service, while Derry exchange facilities may easily be extended to serve new customers requesting service.

The transfer will facilitate efficient service and maintenance in the service area. We thus find the petition to be in the public good.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED NISI**, that subject to the effective date below, that the proposed Salem/Derry exchange boundary change is approved as filed; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Verizon file properly annotated tariff pages in compliance with this Commission order no later than 30 days from the issuance of this order as required by NH Admin. Rules, PUC 1603.02, along with two copies of the relevant maps; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Verizon shall cause a copy of this Order Nisi to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation or of circulation in those portions of the state where operations are conducted, with a copy mailed to the Town Clerks of Salem and Derry, no later than December 26, 2003 and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before January 9, 2004; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that new service be provided pursuant to the approved franchise boundary; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that all persons interested in responding to this petition be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing on this matter before the Commission no later than January 2, 2004; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than January 8, 2004; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that this Order Nisi shall be effective January 15, 2004, unless Verizon fails to satisfy the

publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixteenth day of December, 2003.

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Thomas B. Getz  
Chairman

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Susan S. Geiger  
Commissioner

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Graham Morrison  
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary