STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss Docket No. 01-0652
COUNTY OF McLEAN)

VERIFICATION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. & VERIZON SOUTH INC.
REGARDING AN APPROVED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

James R. Hargrave, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Assistant Vice President-Public Policy & External Affairs for Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc.; that he is authorized by Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. to make this verification; that he has read the Interconnection Agreement Among Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc., and NOW Communications, Inc. approved by this Commission on December 5, 2001, and knows the contents thereof; that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, this approved Interconnection Agreement is the same as the Agreement originally filed in this docket with the verified Joint Petition.

James R. Hargrave
Assistant Vice President
Public Policy & External Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 5 day of December, 2001.

Jonna A. Fricke
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
JONNA A. FRICKE
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 8/18/03