

BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC. (FORMERLY )  
GTE NORTH INCORPORATED, )  
VERIZON SOUTH INC. (FORMERLY )  
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED), )  
AND FIRST CELLULAR OF )  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS )  
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Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc. )  
(formerly GTE North Incorporated), )  
Verizon South Inc. (formerly )  
GTE South Incorporated), and )  
First Cellular of Southern Illinois )  
Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i) )  
Regarding Adoption )  
of an Interconnection Agreement )

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JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. (FORMERLY GTE NORTH  
INCORPORATED), VERIZON SOUTH INC. (FORMERLY GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED),  
AND FIRST CELLULAR OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGARDING ADOPTION OF AN  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Verizon North Inc. (formerly GTE North Incorporated) and Verizon South Inc. (formerly GTE South Incorporated) (collectively (“Verizon”)) and First Cellular of Southern Illinois (“First Cellular”), Joint Petitioners, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(i), petition the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding the adoption of an interconnection agreement between Verizon and First Cellular, on the following grounds:

1. Joint Petitioners Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. are each telecommunication carriers within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq. and each is authorized to provide and is currently providing, intraMSA

exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers within certain certificated areas of the State of Illinois.

2. First Cellular represents that it is a CMRS provider, authorized to provide service in the State of Illinois, and that this adoption will cover only services in the State of Illinois.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“Federal Act”), First Cellular notified Verizon that it desired to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement (the “Agreement”) between GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”) in Docket No. 99-NA-039. Subsequent to this, Verizon and First Cellular signed a letter relating to First Cellular’s adoption of the terms of the Agreement. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 1.

4. Section 252(i) of the Federal Act provides:

(i) Availability to other telecommunications carriers:

A local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

The Commission approved the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Federal Act.

Accordingly, per Section 252(i) of the Federal Act, First Cellular has the right to adopt the Agreement’s terms.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Verizon is submitting this petition pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to notify the Commission of the adoption described herein. With respect to the prior applications of this nature, the Commission has elected to treat the adopted terms as a negotiated

5. Subject to the terms of the letter, there are no outstanding issues between Verizon and First Cellular relating to such adoption.

6. As stated in the Statement in Support of an Adoption of Interconnection Agreement, attached as Exhibit 2, Verizon will continue to make the arrangements set forth in the Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois to the extent required and permitted under Section 252(i) of the Federal Act. Therefore, this filing is not discriminatory.

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agreement. Because Section 252(i) requires the adoption to be implemented as a matter of law, Verizon does not agree with the Commission's characterization of these agreements as negotiated agreement. Nonetheless, Verizon shall abide by the adopted terms in accordance with, and subject to, the adoption letter executed by Verizon that is being submitted with this application as Exhibit 1.

THEREFORE, Verizon and First Cellular respectfully submit this Adoption of an

Interconnection Agreement on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

VERIZON NORTH INC. (FORMERLY  
GTE NORTH INCORPORATED)  
VERIZON SOUTH INC. (FORMERLY  
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED)

FIRST CELLULAR OF  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss VERIFICATION

Terry Addington, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the President for First Cellular of Southern Illinois; that he is authorized by First Cellular of Southern Illinois to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for and Statement in Support of the Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement Among Verizon North Inc. (formerly GTE North Incorporated), Verizon South Inc. (formerly GTE South Incorporated), and First Cellular of Southern Illinois and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ day  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: