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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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VERIZON NORTH, INC., VERIZON)
SOUTH, INC., and COVISTA,)
INC.,)
) No. 06-0115
Joint Petition for Approval)
pursuant to 47 U.S.C., Section)
252(a)(1) and 252(e) of an)
Interconnection Agreement.)

Chicago, Illinois
March 13th, 2006

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m.

BEFORE:

MR. JOHN T. RILEY, Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

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21 SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
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22 License No. 084-004559

1 JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the direction of the
2 Illinois Commerce Commission, I call Docket 06-0115,
3 this is a joint petition between Verizon North, Inc.,
4 Verizon South, Inc., and Covista, Inc., a joint
5 petition for approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections
6 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of an interconnection agreement.

7 Ms. Galioto, would you enter an
8 appearance on behalf of Verizon, please.

9 MS. GALIOTO: Yes. On behalf of Verizon, Sarah
10 Galioto, of the law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath &
11 Rosenthal, 7800 Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

12 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you. And it's my
13 understanding, Mr. Brinkman, that Covista is not
14 necessarily being represented by counsel in this
15 matter, you're just participating as an observer?

16 MR. BRINKMAN: I'm participating as a
17 representative of Covista, duly requiring counsel, I
18 guess that's the question.

19 JUDGE RILEY: From my standpoint, no, these
20 have been conducted without counsel before.

21 Staff, do you want to weigh in here
22 or...?

1 MR. BOROVIK: Well, I mean, that's completely
2 your call on whether you --

3 MR. BRINKMAN: Do you need my name, title
4 and...?

5 JUDGE RILEY: I suppose, for the record, why
6 don't we get your name, title and your office
7 address. Okay.

8 MR. BRINKMAN: The name is Thomas W. Brinkman,
9 B-r-i-n-k-m-a-n. And I'm the senior director of TG
10 planning and regulatory.

11 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

12 MR. BRINKMAN: Our office is at 721 Broad
13 Street, Suite 200, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37407.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. Thank you very much.

15 And counsel for Staff.

16 MR. BOROVIK: Michael R. Borovik.

17 JUDGE RILEY: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

18 MR. BOROVIK: Michael R. Borovik, 160 North
19 LaSalle, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

20 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you. And as is customary
21 in these matters, I now turn to Staff and ask whether
22 verified statements have been filed in Docket

1 06-0115.

2 MR. BOROVIK: Yes, your Honor. Staff has filed
3 what has been marked Staff Exhibit 1, the verified
4 statements for Case 06-0115 of A. Olusanjo Omoniyi,
5 which states there is nothing discriminatory and
6 nothing against the public interest.

7 Subject to the usually post-approval
8 requirements, specifically amending the tariff to
9 include the amended agreement and filing a verified
10 statement with the Chief Clerk of the Commission, we
11 move for admission of Staff Exhibit 1, a verified
12 statement of A. Olusanjo Omoniyi to the record as it
13 is filed on e-Docket previously filed March 10th,
14 2006, and bears the following tracking number, for
15 Case 06-0115, Tracking No. 67941.

16 JUDGE RILEY: Ms. Galioto, do you have any
17 objection to the admission of Staff Exhibit 1 and
18 any -- in Docket 06-0115?

19 MR. BOROVIK: No objection, your Honor.

20 JUDGE RILEY: Does -- Mr. Brinkman, do you have
21 any comment or objection?

22 MR. BRINKMAN: No objection, your Honor.

