

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC. AND VERIZON)
SOUTH INC. AND TCG ST. LOUIS)
) Docket No. _____
Joint Petition Regarding the Adoption)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON NORTH INC. AND VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND TCG ST. LOUIS

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. (collectively "Verizon"), petitioners herein, make the following Statement in Support of the Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. and TCG St. Louis ("TCGSL").

1. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Federal Act"), TCGSL notified Verizon that it desired to adopt the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon and AT&T Communications of Illinois Inc. ("Agreement") approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission as an effective agreement in the State of Illinois. Subsequently, Verizon and TCGSL signed a letter related to TCGSL's adoption of the terms of the Agreement.

2. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Federal Act, Verizon will continue to make the arrangements set forth in the Agreement available on the same such 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.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully submits this Statement in Support of the Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. and TCG St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____ 2006.

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