

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC. AND)
VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND)
BITWISE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
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Joint Petition for Approval of an)
Agreement Amending the Terms of an)
Interconnection Agreement Pursuant)
to 47 U.S.C. §252)

Docket No. _____

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE TERMS
OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON NORTH INC.
AND VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND BITWISE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. (collectively "Verizon"), petitioners herein, make the following Statement in Support of the Agreement amending the Terms of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon and Bitwise Communications, Inc. ("Bitwise").

1. The filed Amendment No. 1 ("Amendment") between Verizon and Bitwise was negotiated between the parties.
2. The Amendment meets all the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§151, *et seq.* Thus, the filed Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.
3. Verizon will make the Amendment available on the same such terms and conditions, as set forth in the Amendment as well as in the Parties'

underlying Interconnection Agreement, to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois in accordance with any and all applicable legal provisions. Therefore, this filing is not discriminatory.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully submits this Statement in Support of the Agreement amending the Terms of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. and Bitwise Communications, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____ 2007.

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