

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC.,)
VERIZON SOUTH INC.)
AND PREMIERE NETWORK)
SERVICES, INC.)
)
Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc.)
Verizon South Inc. and)
Premiere Network Services, Inc.)
Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i))
Regarding Adoption)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND PREMIERE
NETWORK SERVICES, INC. REGARDING ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT

Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. (collectively (“Verizon”)), and Premiere Network Services, Inc. (“PNS”), 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 PNS, on the following grounds:

1. Joint Petitioners Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. are 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. PNS represents that it is an authorized provider of local telecommunications services 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”), PNS notified Verizon that it desired to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement (the “Agreement”) between Verizon and Direct2Internet approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (the “Commission”) in Docket No. 01-0275. Subsequent to this, Verizon and PNS signed a letter relating to PNS’s adoption of the terms of the Direct2Internet 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, PNS has the right to adopt the Agreement’s terms.¹

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

¹ 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 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 adoptions as negotiated agreements. 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.

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.

THEREFORE, Verizon and PNS respectfully submit this Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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