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VIA E-DOCKET

Elizabeth A. Rolando
Chief Clerk
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: ***Petition for Proprietary Treatment of MCI Communications Services Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Business Services' Annual Report: ICC Docket No. 16-***

Dear Ms. Rolando:

I am electronically filing with the Commission via E-Docket, the Petition for Proprietary Treatment for the 2015 Annual Report for MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services.

The 2015 Annual Report for MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services will be filed (both confidential and non-confidential versions) after the Commission grants this Petition and accords the information contained in the Annual Report proprietary treatment.

If you have questions regarding this correspondence and need further information, please contact me at (304) 356-3194.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

MCI Communications Services Inc.)	
d/b/a Verizon Business Services)	
)	Docket No. 16-
Petition for Emergency and Expedited)	
Relief to Protect from Disclosure in)	
Its Entirety for a Period of Not Less)	
Than Two Years Confidential Version of)	
Petitioner's 2015 Annual Report)	

PETITION FOR PROPRIETARY TREATMENT

MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("VZB"), by and through one of its employees, hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to grant to it the relief requested herein. In support of this petition, VZB states as follows:

1. As a telecommunications carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, VZB is required to file with the Commission an annual report. VZB is prepared to file the requisite annual report with the Commission once this petition for proprietary treatment is granted, along with a non-confidential version of same.

2. Due to the content and nature of the filings, VZB's annual report will necessarily contain commercial and financial information that is highly sensitive, proprietary, confidential and the type of information which would be of particular interest to VZB's competitors and potential competitors.

3. Because the information that will be contained in VZB's annual report is so competitively sensitive, it is imperative that public disclosure of the proprietary information that will be contained in its annual report be maintained under seal for a period of not less than two years following the issuance of an Order herein by this Commission since disclosure of this information any earlier would be likely to cause VZB serious competitive harm.

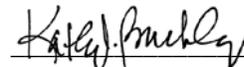
4. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5ILCS 140/7(1)(g), exempts from public disclosure “trade secrets and commercial or financial information....where such trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential.” The annual report that is the subject of this Petition falls within this exemption.

WHEREFORE, MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order protecting from disclosure in its entirety for a period of not less than two years VZB's 2015 annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

**MCI Communications Services Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Business Services**

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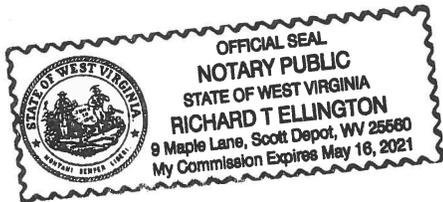
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Dated: January 20, 2016

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF KANAWHA)

VERIFICATION

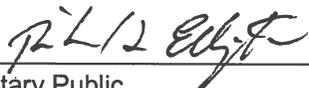
Kathy Buckley, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that she is an employee of Verizon, that she has read the foregoing Petition for Proprietary Treatment seeking proprietary treatment for the 2015 Annual Report for MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services and has knowledge of the contents thereof, and that the information therein contained is true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.





Kathy L. Buckley

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to
me this 20th day of January, 2016



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: MAY 16, 2021