

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC.)
VERIZON SOUTH INC AND)
ADAMS TELSISTEMS, INC.)
)
Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc.)
Verizon South Inc.)
and)
Adams TelSystems, Inc.)
For Approval Pursuant To 47 U.S.C.)
§§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e),)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

JOINT PETITION
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMONG
VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND ADAMS TELSISTEMS,
INC.

Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. (collectively (“Verizon”)), and Adams TelSystems, Inc. (“TelSystems”), Joint Petitioners, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§252(a)(1) and 252(e) and Ill. Admin. Code tit. 83, § 763, petition the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve an Interconnection Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Verizon and TelSystems, on the following grounds:

1. Petitioners Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. are each telecommunications 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. Petitioner TelSystems is a certified provider of local two-way wireline dialtone service.

3. The proposed Agreement (attached to this petition as Exhibit No. 1) was negotiated voluntarily between Verizon and TelSystems. Accordingly, Verizon and TelSystems are requesting approval of the Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and 252(e).

4. Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stats. 56 (effective February 8, 1996), this Commission must approve the filed Agreement unless:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or,
- (ii) the implementation of such an agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2).

5. Nor do agreements voluntarily negotiated between or among parties have to comply with the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) & (c) or the pricing standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(d).¹

6. As stated in the attached verified Statement in Support of a Resale Agreement, Exhibit No. 2, Verizon will make the arrangements set forth in the filed Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois. Therefore, this Agreement is not discriminatory.

7. Among other things, this Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for interconnection, resale and unbundling of telecommunications services. Such

¹ VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATIONS- Upon receiving a request for interconnection, services, or network elements pursuant to section 251, an incumbent local exchange carrier may negotiate and enter into a binding agreement with the requesting telecommunications carrier or carriers without regard to the standards set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of § 251. See 47 U.S.C.A. § 252(a)(1).

agreements are to be encouraged. Thus, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

8. The rates set forth in the Agreement are reasonable and compensatory.

THEREFORE, Verizon and TelSystems respectfully request that the Agreement Among Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. and Adams TelSystems, Inc. be approved as filed.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____ 2001.

VERIZON NORTH INC.
VERIZON SOUTH INC.

ADAMS TELSISTEMS, INC.

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