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Subject: Re: Illinois

On 2001-12-11 at 08:25, dianne.m.mckernan@verizon.com
(dianne.m.mckernan@verizon.com) wrote:

I did a little research to begin working on your request and found that Verizon does not have a record of an interconnection agreement with North County Communications for Illinois. Before we can proceed with your interconnection request, you will need to negotiate an agreement with our negotiations team. Once Verizon has a signed agreement, we can begin the Interconnection process.

I'm sure you are aware that Verizon does not operate in Iowa, if you decide to utilize a location in Des Moines.

Since your goal is to get interconnected within a very short time, I advise you to contact Renee Ragsdale immediately to begin the process.

I am sorry, I was obviously unclear. What I was trying to say is that I didn't want to waste any of our time if Verizon was going to require a **fiber build and wouldn't use the same facilities that they would for a retail customer.**

Obviously, we shouldn't even bother negotiating an interconnection agreement if Verizon is going to require a **fiber build.** Would it be possible to find out if Verizon still requires a **fiber build** or the use of a **wholesale fiber mux** to be used for all interconnections?

I assume this would be something you could easily find out without us having to go through the whole interconnection process.

Thank you for reaffirming that Verizon is not in Iowa. I chose Iowa as our secondary choice because Qwest will provision interconnection trunks using the same facilities that they do for their retail customers. Therefore, we could easily be interconnected within sixty-six days; the number of days that our required for turn up of prefixes in the LERG.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.