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COMMENTS INVITED ON VERIZON'S APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE FEDERALLY-TARIFFED PHYSICAL COLLOCATION SERVICE

WC Docket No. 02-237

Comments Due: September 18, 2002
Reply Comments Due: October 3, 2002

Section 214 Application
Applicant: Verizon Telephone Companies

On August 16, 2002, **Verizon Telephone Companies** (Verizon or Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ to discontinue provision of federally-tariffed physical collocation services in the former Bell Atlantic region.

The application indicates that Verizon seeks authority to discontinue providing expanded interconnection services through physical collocation in the former Bell Atlantic region through its interstate tariffs. Verizon states that expanded interconnection through virtual collocation will continue to be available through its interstate tariffs, and physical collocation will continue to be available through Verizon's state tariffs and interconnection agreements. Verizon will allow customers the option of retaining existing physical collocation arrangements under the interstate tariffs, or of converting those arrangements to rates, terms and conditions in Verizon's state tariffs or interconnection agreements. Verizon proposes that supporting services, including DC power and new cross-connects, for all physical collocation arrangements will no longer be available through the interstate tariff, but will remain available to collocators through state tariffs and interconnection agreements.

In accordance with section 63.71(c), the application will be deemed granted on the 60th day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

will not be automatically effective.² The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another source, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before **September 18, 2002** and reply comments on or before **October 3, 2002**.³ Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 02-237**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁴

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic copy by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your email address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Commenters also may obtain a copy of the ASCII Electronic Transmittal Form (FORM-ET) at <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/email.html>.

Parties filing paper copies must file an original and four (4) copies of the comments with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A430, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Jennifer McKee.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Messenger-delivered documents (e.g., FedEx), including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c)

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322, 11326, para. 8 (1998).

Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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Regardless of whether parties choose to file electronically or by paper, commenters are requested to e-mail their comments to the FCC, to the attention of Jennifer McKee at jmckee@fcc.gov. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554 (telephone 202-863-2893; facsimile 202-863-2898) or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. In addition, comments should be served upon Applicant.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. The application will also be placed on the Commission's Internet site.

This proceeding will be governed by "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well.

For further information, contact Jennifer McKee of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at jmckee@fcc.gov.

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