

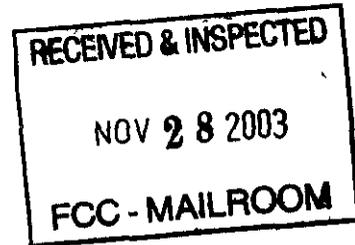


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NOW ACQUISITION CORPORATION

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November 25, 2003



Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CC Docket No. 00-257  
Notification of Acquisition of Subscriber Base Pursuant to 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Essex Acquisition Corporation ("EAC") and Now Acquisition Corporation ("NAC") hereby notify the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") of the impending acquisition of NOW Communications, Inc.'s ("NOW") assets by the Companies. EAC and NAC are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of BiznessOnline.com, Inc. and will be acquiring NOW's assets on a state-specific basis. Under separate cover, EAC and NAC will be providing additional details concerning the same transaction in requesting the FCC's approval for domestic and international transfers of control.

Specifically, for purposes of compliance with 47 CFR § 64.1120(e), the Companies hereby provide notice to the FCC that EAC and NAC will acquire the subscribers of NOW on or about December 31, 2003. Following the acquisition, EAC and NAC will provide local, intraLATA and interLATA services to the NOW customer base pursuant to rates, terms and conditions of service identical to those established by NOW. Given an abundance of caution and cooperation between EAC, NAC, and NOW, the transition to being billed and serviced by EAC and NAC will be seamless and no additional charges will be assessed to the affected subscribers.

Further, attached as Exhibits A and B are certifications of compliance by EAC and NAC, respectively, with 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)(3). Also attached as Exhibits C and D are copies of notices being to the affected subscribers by EAC and NAC, respectively. The respective notices are being sent jointly with NOW.

Please stamp the duplicate of this notification letter "received" and return it to my attention using the pre-addressed, stamped envelope also enclosed herein.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 312/658-1056.

Sincerely,

Scott Kellogg

Enclosures

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**CERTIFICATION OF ESSEX ACQUISITION CORPORATION**

With reference to the attached notification filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Essex Acquisition Corporation hereby certifies its compliance with the advance subscriber notice requirements of 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)(3) and other statutory and Commission requirements applicable to this streamlined process.

By:   
Scott Kellogg, Assistant Secretary

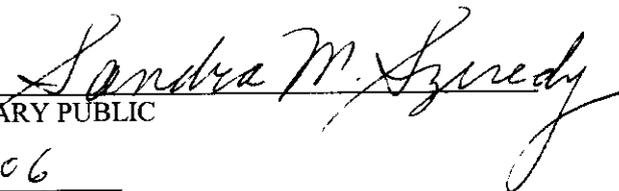
Date: 11/25/03

State of Illinois )  
County of DuPage )ss

I, Sandra M Szeready, a notary public in and for, and residing in said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Scott Kellogg is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed on the foregoing Instrument, that he appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said Instrument as a free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes set forth

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal this 25 day of Nov., 2003.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires Oct 27, 2006



**Essex Acquisition Corporation/Now Acquisition Corporation**  
**Exhibit C**  
**CC Docket No. 00-257**

Dear Valued NOW Customers,

We recently announced an asset purchase agreement between NOW Communications, Inc. ("NOW") and Essex Acquisition Corporation d/b/a Now Communications ("EAC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of VeraNet Solutions. This agreement will become effective on or after December 31, 2003.

During the past 6 months we've worked hard to create new product offerings and streamline our provisioning and customer service processes. The end result is a stronger communications company to serve you better

There are several assurances we want to make to you, our highly valued customer. First, especially in today's marketplace, EAC is committed to the tenet that we will operate at the highest ethical standards.

Second, we can assure you that the hundreds of fine employees at EAC/VeraNet are committed to providing our customers with the best in telecommunications quality and services. Additionally and perhaps most importantly, VeraNet has the experience and resources to ensure that EAC meets your telecommunications needs. The majority investor in VeraNet is a financial services company that provides financing and advisory services to companies in the communications, information services, media and technology industry sectors. Since its inception, it has originated an aggregate of over \$2 billion in investments in over 200 transactions and is an AAA-rated financial services company.

It's also important for you to know:

- The services you have paid for will not be impacted as a result of this agreement.
- Your existing rates and charges will not be changed.
- You will still pay for/renew your services in the same way you do today

We recognize that you have the right to switch to another carrier prior to December 31, 2003. If you do so, you may incur installation or carrier change charges. If you stay with NOW, however, you will not incur any such charges for the transfer to EAC. Further, you will not need to take any action for the transfer to EAC to occur (any preferred carrier freezes in place will automatically be lifted).

If you have any questions about this notice or problems with your current service, please call NOW at (888) 565-1011. NOW will remain responsible for addressing any such concerns about your service until the transfer occurs

We appreciate your business and your commitment to NOW during this transitional time. The future looks bright as we move forward with new bundled local/long distance products, Internet services including web hosting, dial up Internet and broadband internet solutions to residential and small business customers

If you have any questions for EAC once your service is switched (or to establish a preferred carrier freeze after the transfer), please call 877/822-8501

Sincerely,

NOW Communications, Inc.

Essex Acquisition Corporation d/b/a  
Now Communications

**Essex Acquisition Corporation/Now Acquisition Corporation**  
**Exhibit D**  
**CC Docket No. 00-257**

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We recently announced an asset purchase agreement between NOW Communications, Inc. ("NOW") and Now Acquisition Corporation ("NAC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of VeraNet Solutions. This agreement will become effective on or after December 31, 2003

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There are several assurances we want to make to you, our highly valued customer. First, especially in today's marketplace, NAC is committed to the tenet that we will operate at the highest ethical standards.

Second, we can assure you that the hundreds of fine employees at NAC/VeraNet are committed to providing our customers with the best in telecommunications quality and services. Additionally and perhaps most importantly, VeraNet has the experience and resources to ensure that NAC meets your telecommunications needs. The majority investor in VeraNet is a financial services company that provides financing and advisory services to companies in the communications, information services, media and technology industry sectors. Since its inception, it has originated an aggregate of over \$2 billion in investments in over 200 transactions and is an AAA-rated financial services company.

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If you have any questions about this notice or problems with your current service, please call NOW at (888) 565-1011. NOW will remain responsible for addressing any such concerns about your service until the transfer occurs

We appreciate your business and your commitment to NOW during this transitional time. The future looks bright as we move forward with new bundled local/long distance products, Internet services including web hosting, dial up Internet and broadband internet solutions to residential and small business customers.

If you have any questions for NAC once your service is switched (or to establish a preferred carrier freeze after the transfer), please call 877/822-8501

Sincerely,

NOW Communications, Inc.

Now Acquisition Corporation