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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR PETITIONS OF THE VERIZON LOCAL AND
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANIES FOR INTERIM WAIVER OF AND
FORBEARANCE FROM CERTAIN DOMINANT CARRIER REGULATIONS FOR IN-
REGION, INTEREXCHANGE SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 06-56

COMMENTS DUE: April 21, 2006

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: May 1, 2006

On February 28, 2006, The Verizon Local and Long Distance Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed two petitions seeking relief from certain dominant carrier regulations for in-region, interexchange services that would otherwise apply to Verizon's provision of those services in the former Bell Atlantic region after March 19, 2006, when the requirements of section 272 of the Act sunset with respect to the final three Verizon states.¹ One petition seeks an interim waiver of certain dominant carrier regulations.² The other seeks forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) with regard to the same regulations.³

The regulations that Verizon seeks an interim waiver of or forbearance from include the following:

- section 203 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 203;
- dominant carrier tariffing requirements set forth in part 61 of the Commission's rules (sections 61.28, 61.32, 61.33, 61.38, 61.58 and 61.59);
- price cap regulation set forth in part 61 of the Commission's rules (e.g., 47 C.F.R. §§ 61.41 – 61.49);
- the Commission's accounting requirements to the extent that they require nonregulated treatment of interexchange services if Verizon decides to provide them on an integrated basis;
- the Commission's *Computer III* requirements including Comparably Efficient Interconnection and Open Network Architecture requirements;

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 272.

² See Petition of Verizon For Interim Waiver of Certain Dominant Carrier Regulations for In-Region, Interexchange Service, WC Docket No. 06-56 (filed Feb. 28, 2006).

³ See Petition of Verizon For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) With Regard to Certain Dominant Carrier Regulations for In-Region, Interexchange Service, WC Docket No. 06-56 (filed Feb. 28, 2006).

- certain provisions in Part 63 of the Commission's rules concerning acquiring lines, discontinuing services, transfers of control, and acquiring affiliates (e.g., 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.12(b)(2), 63.19(b), 63.21(c), 63.71(c)); and
- rules governing independent LECs' provision of in-region, interstate, interexchange and international services, 47 U.S.C. §§ 64.1901 – 64.1903.

Verizon's filing included a memorandum of points and authorities in support of each petition.⁴

Interested parties may file comments on or before April 21, 2006 and reply comments on or before May 1, 2006. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵ 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, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case, **WC Docket No. 06-56**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment 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 e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.**

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
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- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-A325, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Randy Clarke, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 6-C144, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Randy.Clarke@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

⁴ See Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Verizon's Petitions for Interim Waiver Or Forbearance, WC Docket No. 06-56 (filed Feb. 28, 2006).

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rod 11322 (1998).

The petitions for interim waiver and forbearance and comments filed by participating parties will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, or by e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations 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.⁷ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

For further information, contact Randy Clarke of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1587.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁷ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).