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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR INTERCONNECTION OF NEUTRAL TANDEM, INC. PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §§ 201(a) AND 332(c)(1)(B)

WC Docket No. 06-159

Comments Due: September 8, 2006
Reply Comments Due: September 25, 2006

On August 2, 2006, Neutral Tandem, Inc., (Neutral Tandem) filed a petition for interconnection pursuant to sections 201(a) and 332(c)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. §§ 201(a) and 332(c)(1)(B).[1] Neutral Tandem seeks to establish direct physical connections and through routes with Verizon Wireless, Inc. (Verizon Wireless). Specifically, Neutral Tandem requests that the Commission require Verizon Wireless to establish a connection, adequate for the relevant level of traffic, in all markets served by both Verizon Wireless and Neutral Tandem, for terminating traffic from Neutral Tandem.[2]

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of Neutral Tandem's Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.[3] 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.[4] Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.[5]

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[1] Petition of Neutral Tandem, Inc. for Interconnection with Verizon Wireless, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 201(a) and 332(c)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 06-159 (filed August 2, 2006) (Petition).

[2] *Id.* at 1.

[3] 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

[4] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

[5] 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments on or before **September 8, 2006** and reply comments on or before **September 25, 2006**.[6] Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.[7] Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. 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. 06-159**. 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." 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. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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.

-Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

-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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the

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[6] On August 7, 2006, Verizon Wireless filed a request seeking an extension of time, until September 1, 2006, to comment on Neutral Tandem's petition. Petition of Neutral Tandem, Inc. for Interconnection with Verizon Wireless, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 201(a) and 332(c)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, Verizon Wireless Request for Extension of Time (filed Aug. 7, 2006). Verizon Wireless' request is moot in light of the pleading cycle set forth in this Public Notice.

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

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Victoria Goldberg, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A266, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to victoria.goldberg@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, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in **WC Docket No. 06-159** are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com. These documents may also be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Victoria Goldberg or Jennifer McKee, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at victoria.goldberg@fcc.gov or jennifer.mckee@fcc.gov.

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