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Via E-File and Hand Delivery

Ms. Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission of Maryland  
William Donald Schaefer Tower  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6806

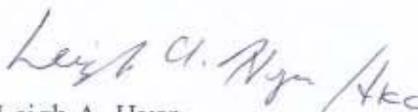
Re: Case No: 9138 - In the Matter of the Petition of Intrado Communications.  
For Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of  
1934 as Amended, to Establish an Interconnection Agreement with  
Verizon Maryland Inc.

Dear Ms. Romine:

Enclosed please find an original and seventeen (17) copies of Verizon Maryland Inc.'s Response to the Hearing Examiner's Letter Request of July 1, 2009 for the above mentioned case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 393-7725 with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

  
Leigh A. Hyer

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Enclosures  
cc: All parties of Record

**BEFORE THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of Intrado )  
Communications Inc. for Arbitration Pursuant ) Case No. 9138  
to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 )  
as Amended, to Establish an Interconnection )  
Agreement with Verizon Maryland Inc. )

**VERIZON MARYLAND INC.'S RESPONSE TO THE  
HEARING EXAMINER'S LETTER REQUEST OF JULY 1, 2009**

The Hearing Examiner has asked the parties to inform him “whether there is any realistic indication that the FCC will issue any relevant order on the subject matter of this case by approximately September 1, 2009.”<sup>1</sup> As the Hearing Examiner points out, the FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau has not yet issued the ruling in Intrado’s arbitration with Verizon. The Bureau has not proposed a future decision date, although a ruling in the arbitration is still possible by September 1, 2009.

In the meantime, the Bureau has issued a Public Notice seeking comment from all interested entities on the “general policy issue of the competitive provision of 911 voice services” (attached as Ex. 1); and the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable issued its Order in the Intrado/Verizon arbitration there (attached as Ex. 2).

After the Bureau issued its Public Notice on June 4, Intrado’s and Verizon’s Illinois affiliates agreed to hold their arbitration there in abeyance pending the outcome of the FCC arbitration. The arbitrations between Intrado’s and Verizon’s affiliates in Delaware and North Carolina also remain in abeyance, by agreement of the parties, pending the Bureau’s decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from R.H. McGowan, Hearing Examiner, to all parties of record, dated July 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted on July 8, 2009.

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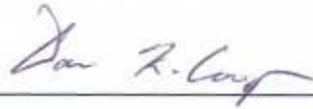
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this 8th day of July, 2009, a copy of the foregoing VERIZON MARYLAND INC.'S RESPONSE TO THE HEARING EXAMINER'S LETTER REQUEST OF JULY 1, 2009 was served upon each of the parties' counsel listed on the Service List either by hand-delivery and e-mail or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid.



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Dawn K. Cooper