

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Verizon)
North, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission)
Services LLC dba Verizon Communications)
Services, Inc. dba Verizon Business Services,)
Teleconnect Long Distance Services &)
Systems Co. dba Telecom USA, TTI National)
Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba)
Verizon Long Distance, NYNEX Long)
Distance Company dba Verizon Enterprise)
Solutions, and Verizon Select Services Inc.,)
dba GTE Long Distance,)

Complainants,)

v.)

Case No. 07-1100-TP-CSS

Century Tel of Ohio, Inc., Windstream Ohio,)
Inc. and Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.)

Respondents.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On October 5, 2007, Verizon North, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Communications Services, Inc. dba Verizon Business Services, Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Co. dba Telecom USA, TTI National Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications Inc. dba Verizon Long Distance, NYNEX Long Distance Company dba Verizon Enterprise Solutions, and Verizon Select Services Inc., dba GTE Long Distance (collectively Verizon Companies) filed a complaint against Century Tel of Ohio, Inc. (CenturyTel), Windstream Ohio Inc. (Windstream), and Windstream Western Reserve, Inc. (Western Reserve) (collectively respondents) requesting that the respondents' intrastate access charges be reduced to the level of the intrastate access charges of other large incumbent local exchange companies or alternatively, to the level of the respondents' own interstate access charges.

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- (2) On October 31, 2007, CenturyTel filed an answer and a motion to dismiss. On November 1, 2007, Windstream and Western Reserve jointly filed an answer and a motion to dismiss.
- (3) On November 19, 2007, Verizon Companies filed a memorandum contra the motions to dismiss.
- (4) On November 28, 2007, respondents filed a motion for an extension of time and a request for an expedited ruling. Specifically, respondents seek an extension of time until December 7, 2007, for the purpose of filing reply memorandum in support of their motions to dismiss. Respondents believe that due to vacation schedules and the Thanksgiving holiday, their request is reasonable and constitutes good cause.
- (5) On November 7, 2007, the office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. OCC submits that it is intervening in this proceeding in order to protect the interests of the residential customers who may be affected by the complaint. Specifically, OCC states that its interest is to ensure that residential customers are not harmed by but, rather, benefit from any reduction in intrastate access charges that may occur in this proceeding.
- (6) OCC's motion for intervention is reasonable and should be granted. Further, respondents' motion for an extension of time for filing reply memorandum in support of their motions to dismiss is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, all reply memoranda should be filed on or before December 7, 2007. The Commission notes that this request is being granted on an expedited basis in order avoid respondents being in noncompliance with the original November 29, 2007, deadline.

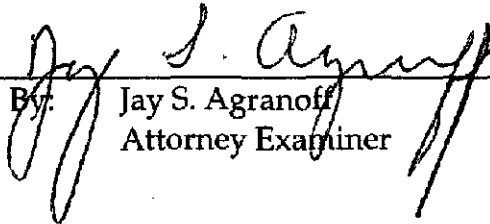
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC is granted intervention in accordance with Finding (6). It is, further,

ORDERED, That respondents' motion for an extension of time is granted in accordance with Finding (6). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record and interested persons of record.

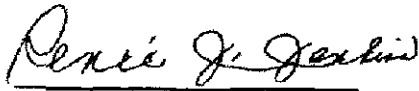
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