

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Review)
of the Minimum Telephone Service) Case No. 00-1265-TP-ORD
Standards as Set Forth in Chapter 4901:1-5)
of the Ohio Administrative Code.)

In the Matter of a Settlement Agreement)
between the Staff of the Public Utilities)
Commission of Ohio and Verizon North) Case No. 07-511-TP-UNC
Inc. Relating to the Minimum Telephone)
Service Standards.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By attorney examiner entry issued on January 29, 2008, interested persons were afforded an opportunity, until February 1, 2008, to comment on a staff report of investigation filed in this matter on January 24, 2008. The January 24, 2008, staff report of investigation, among other things, offered a recommendation on an application filed by Verizon North Inc. seeking a limited exemption, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-5-02, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), of the obligation to clear out-of-service trouble reports within 24 hours as set forth in Rule 4901:1-5-20(B)(4), O.A.C.
- (2) On February 4, 2008, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed comments as well as a motion for leave to file comments out of time (motion for leave). In support of its motion for leave, the OCC claims that it was unaware of the examiner's January 29, 2008, entry affording interested persons until February 1, 2008, with an opportunity to comment on the staff report of investigation. The OCC further claims that the document was not available on the Commission's Docketing Information System until February 4, 2008, and that the mailed copy of the examiner's entry was not received by the OCC until the afternoon of February 1, 2008. Based on these factors, the OCC submits that good cause has been shown to warrant an extension of time to file comments in this matter.

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The attorney examiner determines that the OCC has established good cause for granting the motion for leave to file comments out of time. Accordingly, the OCC's motion is granted and the Commission will consider the comments filed by the OCC on February 4, 2008.

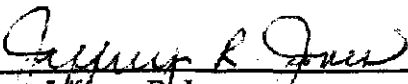
- (3) In light of the above and in order to afford all interested persons an adequate opportunity to comment on the staff report of investigation, the attorney examiner finds that additional time to file comments is warranted. Therefore, any interested person may file comments on the staff report of investigation by not later than February 15, 2008.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That interested persons be afforded an opportunity to file comments on the staff report of investigation in accordance with finding 3. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Verizon North Inc., its counsel and upon the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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