

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By finding and order issued on March 5, 2008, in these matters, the Commission, among other things, denied an application for limited exemption filed by Verizon North Inc. (Verizon), determined that Verizon had failed to satisfy the conditions of the stipulation entered into in Case No. 07-511-TP-UNC, directed Verizon to expend a \$250,000 forfeiture, and directed staff to continue to monitor Verizon's performance and to docket a report within 60 days of the stipulation period. This staff report is currently due on July 31, 2008.
- (2) On July 28, 2008, staff filed a motion seeking a 45-day extension of time, until September 4, 2008, to file the final determination of Verizon's performance under the stipulation as ordered by the Commission's March 5, 2008, finding and order. Staff also seeks an expedited ruling on its motion for extension.

Staff explains that an extension is warranted in order to complete its investigation of Verizon's pertinent records and to provide a complete and thorough report to the Commission. Staff counsel contacted both counsel for Verizon and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and neither party objects to the request for an expedited ruling.

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- (3) The attorney examiner determines that both staff's requests for an expedited ruling and for an extension of time are well-made and are, therefore, granted. Accordingly, staff is directed to docket its final determination on Verizon's performance under the stipulation in this case no later than September 4, 2008.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That staff's July 28, 2008, motion for an extension of time and request for an expedited ruling are granted in accordance with finding 3. It is, further,

ORDERED, That staff docket its final determination in this matter on September 4, 2008. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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