

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of GTE )  
North Incorporated for Approval of a New )  
Local Network Services Tariff, P.U.C.O. ) Case No. 00-1126-TP-ATA  
No. 8, to Offer Collocation Service. )

In the Matter of the Application of Verizon )  
North Inc. for Approval to Introduce a )  
New Resale and Recourse Tariff, P.U.C.O. ) Case No. 00-1183-TP-ATA  
No. 9. )

In the Matter of the Application of Verizon )  
North Inc. to Determine Permanent Rates ) Case No. 00-1186-TP-ATA  
for Unbundled Network Element Prices. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On February 10, 2000, the Commission issued a detailed opinion and order (hereafter the Merger Order) in Case No. 98-1398-TP-AMT (98-1398), *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation for Consent and Approval of a Change in Control*, approving the merger of GTE Corporation, the ultimate parent corporation of GTE North Incorporated, and Bell Atlantic Corporation pursuant to certain specified terms and conditions. In an entry on rehearing issued on April 6, 2000, the Commission clarified certain aspects of its order and otherwise denied the applications for rehearing.
- (2) Consistent with the Commission's Merger Order, on June 22, 2000, Verizon North Inc. (Verizon North)<sup>1</sup> filed an application, Case No. 00-1126-TP-ATA (00-1126), seeking approval of a new local network services tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 8, involving, among other services, collocation service terms and conditions.

On June 30, 2000, Verizon North filed an application, Case No. 00-1183-TP-ATA (00-1183), seeking approval of a new resale and recourse tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 9.

Also on June 30, 2000, Verizon North filed an application, Case No. 00-1186-TP-ATA (00-1186), seeking approval of permanent rates for unbundled network elements.

- (3) Upon a further review of the level of competitive local exchange company (CLEC) activity in Verizon North's incumbent service territory,

<sup>1</sup> GTE North Incorporated was authorized to change its name to Verizon North Inc. pursuant to an August 1, 2000, finding and order in Case No. 00-1199-TP-ACN.

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the Commission concludes that it is not prudent, at this time, to proceed with the aforementioned dockets. Notwithstanding this determination, the Commission remains open to subsequently revisiting these issues in the event that there is a change in the competitive landscape within Verizon North's incumbent service territory. As further support for its aforementioned determination, the Commission notes the lack of CLEC intervention in any of the captioned cases.


Additionally, to the extent that CLECs are currently operating in Verizon North's incumbent, local service area, the Commission believes that issues such as recourse and collocation terms and conditions are better addressed in the context of interconnection agreements. Finally, the Commission notes that the proposed tariff provisions in the aforementioned dockets are outdated and would require updating.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That 00-1126, 00-1183 and 00-1186 should be closed of record at this time. It is, further,

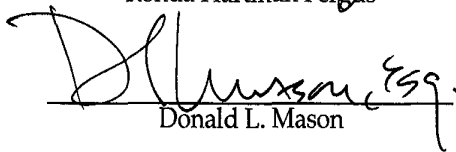
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry shall be served upon Verizon North, its counsel and all other interested persons of record.

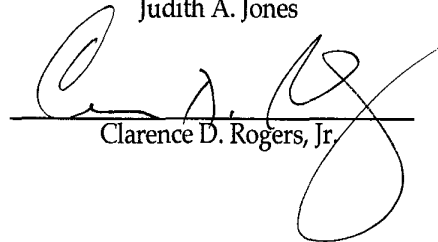
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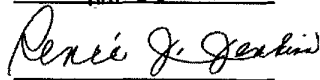
  
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