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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition of Mick Davenport )  
and Numerous Other Subscribers of the Pomeroy )  
Exchange of Verizon North Inc. )

Complainants, )

v. )

Case No. 02-2967-TP-PEX

Verizon North Inc. and Citizens )  
Telecommunications of West Virginia, dba )  
dba Frontier Communications of West Virginia, )

Respondents, )

Relative to a Request for Extended Area Service )  
Between the Pomeroy Exchange of Verizon North )  
Inc., and the New Haven Exchanges of Citizens )  
Telecommunications of West Virginia )

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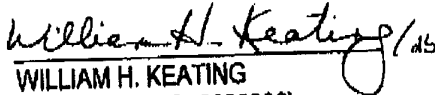
ANSWER OF VERIZON NORTH INC.

1. Now comes Verizon North Inc., by its attorney, and for its answer to the complaint herein, states that it is a public utility and a telephone company subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and that as such it provides telephone service to subscribers in numerous exchanges throughout the State of Ohio, including its Pomeroy Exchange.
2. Further answering, this respondent states that in order to establish extended area service between the requested exchanges, it could be required to provide interexchange and central office facilities, and thereby be required to make substantial investments and incur substantial annual charges, which would tend to increase the cost of telephone service generally, and which is therefore not in the public interest.

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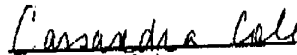
3. Respondent denies each allegation of the complaint not specifically admitted herein to be true.

WHEREFORE, respondent, Verizon North Inc. prays that the complaint be dismissed.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Answer of Verizon North Inc. has been served upon: Mick Davenport, 34645 Crew Road, Pomeroy, OH 45769 and Michael J., Swatts, Attorney for Citizens Telecom, 300 Bland Street, P.O. Box 770, Bluefield, WV, 24701-0770; by first-class mail, postage prepaid, this 2nd day of January 2003.

  
Cassandra Cole