

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Petition of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and	:	
Verizon North LLC for Competitive Classification	:	P-2014-2446303
Of All Retail Services In Certain Geographic Areas,	:	P-2014-2446304
And For A Waiver Of Regulations For Competitive	:	
Services	:	

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

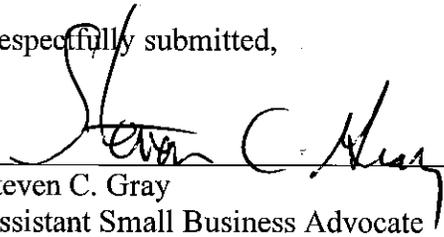
The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the Joint Petition of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC (collectively Verizon or “the Companies”) for Competitive Classification of All Retail Services In Certain Geographic Areas and For A Waiver Of Regulations For Competitive Services (“Joint Petition”) that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on October 6, 2014. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
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The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by his initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned Commission proceeding.

On October 6, 2014, Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC (collectively Verizon or “the Companies”) filed a Joint Petition for Competitive Classification of all Retail Services in Certain Geographic Areas and for a Waiver of Regulations for Competitive Services (“Joint Petition”) with the Commission.

The Small Business Advocate is intervening in this proceeding in order to protect the interests of Verizon’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of the Joint Petition is necessary to ascertain whether Verizon’s request for

competitive classification of certain services complies with the Public Utility Code and the Companies' own Chapter 30 Plans.

Thus, the Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any aspect of the Joint Petition which violates the Public Utility Code, violates the Companies' Chapter 30 Plans, or interferes with competition in the Verizon service territories.

Dated: October 21, 2014