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Request of DPI-Teleconnect, LLC for waiver of Commission requirement to provide direct-dail long distance service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Application of DPI-Teleconnect, LLC., for approval of the right to begin to offer, render, furnish, or supply telecommunication services, as a non-facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, to the Public, within the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., Verizon North, Inc., and Sprint/United.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on July 11, 2002 has adopted an Order in the above entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA. 17105-3265

Public Meeting held July 11, 2002

Commissioners Present:

Glen R. Thomas, Chairman  
Robert K. Bloom, Vice-Chairman  
Aaron Wilson, Jr.  
Terrance J. Fitzpatrick  
Kim Pizzingrilli

Request of DPI-Teleconnect, LLC for Waiver of  
Commission Requirement to Provide Direct-Dial Long  
Distance Service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Docket No.  
P-00021963

Application of DPI-Teleconnect, LLC., for approval of the  
right to begin to offer, render, furnish, or supply  
telecommunication services as a non-facilities-based  
Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, to the Public, within  
the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc.,  
Verizon North, Inc., and Sprint/United.

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**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On April 29, 1999 DPI-Teleconnect, LLC (Applicant) filed an application seeking Commission approval to provide telecommunication services as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) to business and residential customers throughout Pennsylvania. On September 15, 1999 the Commission granted Applicant authority as a CLEC provider contingent upon the Applicant filing its initial tariff correcting certain tariff deficiencies, as detailed in the Commission Order Appendix A.

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On October 31, 2000 Applicant, in response to the Commission Order, filed its initial Tariff. However, the tariff deficiencies, as listed in Appendix A of the Order, were not entirely resolved. After numerous discussions with FUS Staff, on February 8, 2002 the company filed its initial tariff in conjunction with the Petition For Waiver of the Commission Requirement to Provide Access to Direct-Dial Long Distance Service.

Applicant avers that it intends to market its services to primarily high-risk individuals and in order to minimize the financial problems inherent in such a venture, it needs to charge a fixed price and require prepayment before providing local telephone service. This means restricting access to services that have variable monthly rates and charges, as in the case of toll calling. The blocking of toll calls will prevent customers from charging toll calls to their local telephone numbers. However, the exemption from the obligation to provide long distance services does not exempt the Applicant from the obligation to provide access to long distance services consistent with federal and Pennsylvania universal service requirements. Customers who desire toll calling can contract directly with a long distance service provider or use prepaid or post-paid calling cards.

We would like to note that the tariff requirement requested to be waived by the Applicant is consistent with the tariff requirement waived for Blue Ribbon Rentals II, Inc. (Blue Ribbon) at Docket No. A-310442. Blue Ribbon is the same type of carrier as the Applicant. Each carrier offers basic local telecommunications service on a prepaid basis only to customers who are unable to obtain telephone service elsewhere because of credit problems or delinquent payment histories. We further note that Blue Ribbon had to amend its tariff so that it is clearly stated that toll calling is not available, but that information will be provided, upon request, to customers on how to obtain toll call capability.

## Conclusion

Our review of the Request for Waiver of the Commission Requirement to Provide Direct-Dial Long Distance Service reveals that the Applicant's request appears to be reasonable. As such, we shall grant the Request for Waiver. In addition, we have included in Appendix A of this Order language to be added in regards to toll calling, consistent with the tariff provisions of Blue Ribbon; **THEREFORE,**

### **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Request for Waiver of the Commission Requirement to Provide Direct-Dial Long Distance Services be granted in its entirety

2. That the Applicant is directed to revise its initial tariff to reflect the changes noted in Appendix A of this Order.

3. DPI-Teleconnect LLC shall file with the Secretary's Bureau, within 60 days after the date of entry of this Order, an initial tariff reflecting the same rates, rules and regulations as contained in its proposed tariff, but revised as provided in Appendix A of this Order; however, upon written request for good cause shown, the Secretary may grant an additional 60-day period in which to submit an initial tariff. A copy of the initial tariff should be served on each entity receiving a copy of the original application. The initial tariff may become effective on one day's notice from the date upon which it is filed, and must reflect on its face that it is a "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier."

4. That upon the establishment of filed rates and the approval of an initial tariff, a Certificate of Public Convenience shall be issued authorizing DPI-Teleconnect, LLC to furnish services as a non-facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier within the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., Verizon North, Inc. and Sprint/United, consistent with this Order.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 11, 2002

ORDER ENTERED: JUL 11 2002

## APPENDIX A

DPI-Telconnect, LLC

### A-310804 (CLEC)

Deficiencies noted for Tariff No. 1:

- 1) Issued and effective dates must be inserted in the initial tariff. The issued date is the day of mailing and the effective date should be no less than 5 days after the mailing date.
- 2) Include the following language on Page 37 between 3.1.1.B.1 Caller ID Service and 3.1.1.C. Local Line Rates and Charges:

#### Toll Service

The Company's Basic Local Service neither includes direct-dialing distance calling nor any other toll services. Customers who desire intraLATA and interLATA toll service have the following options:

- a. Contracting directly with a long distance service provider;
- b. Using prepaid calling cards; or
- c. Using post-paid calling cards.

The Company will provide at no additional charge, via customer service, information and counseling to its customers on how to obtain long distance service.