

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Verizon North Inc. : R-00061914  
2007 Price Change Opportunity Filing : P-00001854F1000

Office of Small Business Advocate : R-00061914C0001

v.

Verizon North Inc.

and

Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. : R-00061915  
2007 Price Change Opportunity Filing : P-00930715F1000

Office of Small Business Advocate : R-00061915C0001

v.

Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.

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**REVISED PROCEDURAL ORDER #2**

A further Telephonic Prehearing Conference was held in this case on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., with all parties present.

I noted the appearances of Suzan Paiva, Esquire, on behalf of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Verizon") and Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon North"); Joel Cheskis, Esquire, on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"); Robert V. Eckenrod, Esquire, on behalf of the Office of Trial Staff ("OTS"); and Steven C. Gray, Esquire, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA").

The primary purpose of the Prehearing Conference was to establish a new procedural schedule for the litigation of the 2007 Price Change Opportunity (PCO) proceedings. The Commission had provided five months from the date of entry of the final Opinion and Order on Reconsideration in the 2006 PCO proceedings (R-00051227 and R-00051228), or until September 25, 2007, for the issuance of a Recommended Decision in the 2007 proceedings. The procedural schedule which had formerly been established for this case, in a Revised Procedural Order, dated March 9, 2007 (Revised #1), had been suspended, by Order dated April 5, 2007, pending Commission resolution of Verizon/Verizon North's Petition for Reconsideration in the 2006 PCO proceedings.

The following matters were addressed: (1) establishment of a procedural schedule; (2) need for revised Verizon/Verizon North filings; (3) settlement conference and a status report; (4) service of documents; (5) proposed witnesses; (6) modifications to discovery rules; and (7) filing of current Chapter 30 Plans. These matters are discussed below.

#### Procedural Schedule

The parties agreed to the following revised procedural schedule and dates for providing information:

Prehearing Conference	May 1, 2007
Verizon/Verizon North direct testimony	May 24, 2007
Settlement discussions	During week of May 29, 2007
OCA witness list if testimony is to be filed	May 31, 2007
Status report on settlement (OSBA)	June 8, 2007

Other parties direct/responsive testimony	June 22, 2007
All parties rebuttal testimony	July 13, 2007
All parties surrebuttal testimony	July 23, 2007
Verizon supplies witness schedule for hearings	July 24, 2007
Evidentiary Hearings (Harrisburg)	July 25, 2007 (10 a.m.)
Verizon/Verizon North provide Clean copies of current Chapter 30 Plans	July 25, 2007
Main Briefs	August 7, 2007 (by 3 pm.)
Reply Briefs	August 16, 2007
Close of the Record	After receipt of Reply Briefs

The above filing dates are all in-hand dates. After receipt of the hearing transcripts, I will provide further briefing instruction.

Need for revised filings

The Commission agreed to allow Verizon to reflect the 2006 PCO adjustments in its 2008 PCO filings and thus, these changes would not be reflected in new revised 2007 filings. However, Verizon has agreed, in its testimony, to delineate changes that would result from the Commission's ruling, so as to avoid confusion. The responding parties articulated a need for discovery with respect to Verizon's direct testimony, and the above litigation schedule provides that opportunity, with the shortened discovery response time described below.

Settlement discussions

The parties agreed to have settlement discussions at some point during the week of May 29, 2007. OSBA counsel Steven Gray agreed to provide a status report to me after these discussions, and will provide that report no later than Friday, June 8, 2007.

Service of documents

In accord with the earlier Procedural Order, the “in hand” service requirement will be met by electronic or facsimile delivery of documents on or before the due dates (4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted), if followed by a hard copy via first class mail or overnight mail sent the next business day. I request an electronic version in Word 2003 of all filed documents, as well as two (2) hard copies.

Proposed witnesses

The parties other than the OCA have provided witness lists. OCA will supply its list one week after the filing of Verizon/Verizon North’s direct testimony, if it intends to file testimony.

Verizon counsel will supply a schedule of witnesses for the hearing, with approximate cross-examination time for each witness, by the day before the hearing.

Discovery modifications

The provision for receipt of discovery responses within seven (7) calendar days, as set forth in the March 9, 2007, Procedural Order, is retained.

Chapter 30 Plans

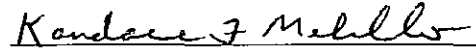
Verizon and Verizon North agreed to provide copies of their currently effective Chapter 30 Plans for the record by the July 25, 2007 hearing, and will also supply a red-lined version with the changes made to these documents. It is understood that these documents are subject to Commission approval for accuracy, as set forth in the Commission's Opinion and Order at Docket No. R-00051227 and R-00051228, entered April 25, 2007.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule and other matters set forth herein are adopted for this proceeding.
2. That, except for requests reasonably made during a hearing, any requests for a change in the scheduled dates must be submitted to me in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the scheduled date. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changes must establish good cause, must state the agreement or opposition of other parties, and must be sent to me and all parties of record. The address is: Administrative Law Judge Kandace F. Melillo, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.

Date: May 1, 2007

  
Kandace F. Melillo  
Administrative Law Judge