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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: VERIZON NORTH INC

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS

COMP/APP COUNTY:

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ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT APPLICATION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. AND Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(E) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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Re: Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Between
Verizon North Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc.; Docket No. A- 310706F7001

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and three (3) copies of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Craig R. Burgraff
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JOINT APPLICATION

Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon") and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel") respectfully submit for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (the "Commission") approval the attached Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act") and the Commission's Order entered June 3, 1996, In Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, PA PUC Docket No. M-00960799.

Verizon and Z-Tel respectfully request that the Commission approve the Agreement. In support of this request, Verizon and Z-Tel state as follows:

1. Verizon is an incumbent local exchange carrier authorized to provide local exchange telephone service in various parts in Pennsylvania. Z-Tel is a competitive local exchange carrier that is licensed to do business in Pennsylvania.

2. Verizon and Z-Tel have negotiated the Parties' Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Sections 251(c) and 252(a) of the 1996 Act that sets forth certain terms and conditions of interconnection provided by Verizon to Z-Tel.

3. The Agreement satisfies the requirements for Commission approval pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, which provides as follows:

The State commission may only reject -- . . . an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --

(i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a

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telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or

(ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity[.]

4. The Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(A)(i). The interconnection arrangements contained in the Agreement are available to any other requesting telecommunications carrier to the extent permitted under Section 252(i). Nonetheless, other carriers are not bound by the Agreement and remain free to negotiate independently with Verizon pursuant to Section 252 of the 1996 Act.

5. The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, as required under Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii). The Agreement will be available to any other requesting telecommunications carrier to the extent permitted under Section 252(i).

6. On June 3, 1996, this Commission issued an order in Docket No. M-00960799 establishing procedural guidelines for the implementation of the 1996 Act, including the Commission's approval of negotiated interconnection agreements. In that order, the Commission directed that an "A-" docket shall be assigned by the Commission's Secretary at the time of filing of an interconnection agreement if an A-docket does not otherwise exist. No A-docket exists at this time. Accordingly, the parties request the assignment of an A-docket.

WHEREFORE, Verizon and Z-Tel respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

VERIZON NORTH
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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TO: Office of Special Assistants

FROM: James J. McNulty, Secretary

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JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. AND Z-TEL
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(e) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

Attached is a copy of a Joint Petition for Approval of
Interconnection Agreement filed in connection with the
above-docketed proceeding.

Enclosed is a copy of the notice that we provided to
the Pennsylvania Bulletin to be published on August 11,
2001. Comments are due on or before 10 days after the
publication of this notice.

This matter is assigned to your Office for
appropriate action.

Attachment

cc: Bureau of Fixed Utility Services
Office of Administrative Law Judge-copy of memo only

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NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

Joint Petition of Verizon North Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Under Section 252(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Docket Number: A-310706F7001.

Verizon North Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. filed on July 24, 2001, at the Public Utility Commission, a Joint Petition for approval of an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Interested parties may file comments concerning the petition and agreement with the Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, P. O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265. All such Comments are due on or before 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the Verizon North Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Joint Petition are on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and are available for public inspection.

Contact person is Cheryl Walker Davis, Director, Office of Special Assistants, (717) 787-1827.

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October 24, 2001

Subject: A-310706F7001; Joint Petition of Verizon North, Inc. and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. for approval of an Interconnection Agreement

To: James J. McNulty
Secretary

From: Cheryl Walker David, Director
Office of Special Assistants



On July 24, 2001, the above-captioned Petition was filed with the Commission and on September 4, 2001, an Opinion and Order was entered approving the Interconnection Agreement. Please be advised that on September 26, 2001, Verizon North filed a true and correct copy of the Agreement. Accordingly, please mark this proceeding as closed with respect to this Interconnection Agreement.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Teri Mathias at 7-8039.

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