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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC.

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL TELEPHONE

COMP/APP COUNTY: UTILITY CODE: 311121

ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC. AND MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT TO AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FILED UNDER SECTION 252(E) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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December 2, 2004

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

James J. McNulty, Secretary
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Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Joint Petition of
Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc.
for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement
Dkt. No. A-311121 F 7000
A-311121

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) true and correct copies of the Joint Petition of Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement. This filing also includes Amendment No. 1 between Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc. The Interconnection Agreement, titled "Amended, Extended and Restated Agreement" and including the Amendment, together replace the interconnection agreement filed by the parties on June 29, 2001 and approved by the Commission by Order dated September 4, 2001 in docket no. A-311121F7000. Both the replacement Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1 are effective as of November 5, 2004. As evidenced by the cc: below, notice of this filing is being provided to Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc.

Please date stamp the enclosed additional copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Very truly yours,
PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU
Daniel E. Monagle
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Enclosure

cc: Dexter Miller, President, Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc.
Attached Service List

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA)
INC. AND MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER)
SECTION 252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996.)

PUC Docket No. A-31121F7000

JOINT PETITION

Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. ("Verizon") and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc. ("MLTC") respectfully submit for the Commission's approval, pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act")¹, the attached Interconnection Agreement dated November 4, 2004 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides for the interconnection of the two companies' networks and makes available to MLTC access to unbundled network elements, wholesale telecommunications services, and ancillary services offered by Verizon. Verizon and MLTC respectfully request that the Commission act within the 90 days specified by the 1996 Act and approve the Agreement.

In support of this request, Verizon and MLTC state as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Verizon is an incumbent local exchange carrier authorized to provide local exchange telephone service in Pennsylvania.

2. MLTC is a competitive local exchange carrier that has been granted authority to provide local exchange service in Pennsylvania.

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¹Citations herein to the 1996 Act should be construed as references to sections of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the 1996 Act.

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THE AGREEMENT

3. Verizon and MLTC have entered into the Agreement pursuant to Sections 251(c) and 252(a) of the 1996 Act.

4. The Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Verizon and MLTC will offer and provide network interconnection, reciprocal call termination, access to network elements, ancillary network services, and wholesale telecommunications services available for resale to each other within each Local Access and Transport Area ("LATA") in which they both operate in Pennsylvania. The Agreement is an integrated package that reflects a negotiated balance of many interests and concerns critical to both parties.

5. The Agreement addresses a number of complex issues. Key provisions of the Agreement provide for:

- (i) Compensation for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic at rates as specified in the Pricing Attachment to the Agreement;
- (ii) Unbundled loops – providing MLTC access to existing Verizon customers – based on a rate methodology specified in the Agreement;
- (iii) Customers to retain their telephone numbers when they switch to MLTC;
- (iv) Including MLTC customers' primary listings in the appropriate alphabetical directory ("White Pages") and, for business customers, in the appropriate classified directory ("Yellow Pages");
- (v) The resale of Verizon telecommunications services for a wholesale discount as specified in the Pricing Attachment to the Agreement;
- (vi) The continued provision of 911 services to all customers; and
- (vii) Performance standards for services provided by Verizon to MLTC equal to the level of service provided by Verizon to its own end-user customers and other telecommunications carriers.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE 1996 ACT

6. 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 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[.]

7. First, the Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(a)(i). To the contrary, any other telecommunications carrier authorized to provide local telephone service in Pennsylvania may obtain the interconnection, unbundling and resale arrangements specified in the Agreement on the same terms and conditions. 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.

8. Second, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(a)(ii). It is an important step towards allowing MLTC to compete with Verizon as a facilities-based local telephone service carrier for both residential and business customers. The Agreement will also be available to all local exchange competitors under Section 252(i) of the 1996 Act.

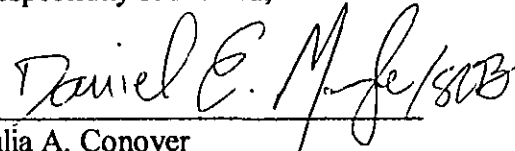
APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT

9. The parties respectfully request that the Commission expedite its review of the Agreement to facilitate implementation of competition in the local exchange market. Although

under Section 252(e)(4) of the 1996 Act, the Commission has 90 days to approve or reject the Agreement, the parties request that the Commission act sooner than that date if at all possible.

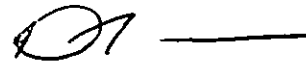
WHEREFORE, Verizon and MLTC respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached interconnection agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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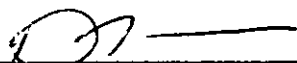
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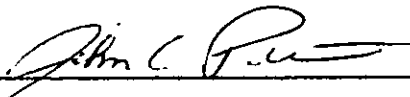
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DATED: November 2, 2004

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the Amendment Effective Date.

MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY, INC.

VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC.

By: 

By: 

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Title: Director-Contract Performance and
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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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DATE: January 5, 2005

SUBJECT: A-311121F7000

TO: Office of Special Assistants

FROM: James J. McNulty, Secretary *KB*

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC. AND
MASSACHUSETTS LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A
REPLACEMENT OF AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996.

Attached is a copy of a Joint Petition for Approval of
Replacement of and Amendment No. 1 to an 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 January 15, 2005.
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 Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone, Company, Inc. for Approval of a Replacement of and Amendment No. 1 to an Interconnection Agreement Under Section 252(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Docket Number: A-311121F7000.

Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc., by its counsel, filed on December 2, 2004, at the Public Utility Commission, a Joint Petition for approval of a Replacement of and Amendment No. 1 to 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 Pennsylvania Inc. and Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, 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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BY THE COMMISSION

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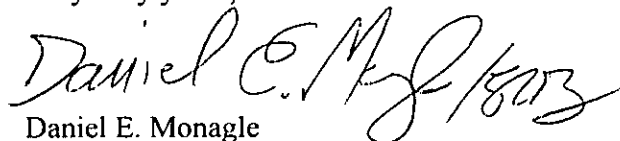
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Dear Mr. McNulty:

Pursuant to the Public Utility Commission's Order approved on February 3, 2005, the parties in the above-referenced matter were directed to notify the Commission whether a true and correct copy of the parties' Interconnection Agreement, and of Amendment No. 1 to that Agreement, had been filed. Please be advised that the true and correct copy of parties' Agreement, and of the Amendment, is the Agreement, and the Amendment, which the parties filed on December 2, 2004 and which together were the subjects of the Commission's Order approved on February 3, 2005. In addition, by cc: of this letter an electronic copy of the Agreement, and of the Amendment, in .pdf format, is being sent to the Commission's Office of Special Assistants.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,


Daniel E. Monagle

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attachment: Diskette (to OSA only)

cc: Ms. Bobbi Lathrop, OSA (with diskette)

Dexter Miller, President, Massachusetts Local Telephone Company, Inc.

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