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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: VERIZON NORTH INC.

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: EXPEDIENT CARRIER SERVICES, LLC

COMP/APP COUNTY: UTILITY CODE: 311335

ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. AND EXPEDIENT CARRIER SERVICES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(I) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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RE: Joint Filing of Verizon North Inc.  
and Expedient Carrier Services, LLC  
of Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement  
Docket No. A-311335 F 7001

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) true and correct copies of the Joint Filing of Verizon North Inc. and Expedient Carrier Services, LLC of Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement. The Interconnection Agreement adopted is the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc. and Cornerstone Telephone Company, LLC, which the Commission approved by Order dated August 6, 2004 in Docket No. A-311316. Although the Adoption was effective September 28, 2004, the Adoption letter was signed by the two parties' signers on November 15, 2004 and November 17, 2004 respectively. Thus, this Joint Filing is being made within 30 days of the day that the agreement, in this case the adoption letter, was signed, as required by ordering Paragraph 5 of the Commission's May 3, 2004 Final Order in Docket No. M-00960799. As evidenced by the cc: below, notice of this filing is being provided to Expedient Carrier Services, LLC.

Please date stamp the enclosed additional copy and return it to me in the enclosed pre-addressed, prepaid express delivery envelope.

Very truly yours,

  
Daniel E. Monagle

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Enclosure

cc: Philip Fraga, Esquire, V.P. and G.C. Expedient Carrier Services, LLC  
Attached Service List

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**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
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**JOINT FILING OF VERIZON NORTH INC. AND )  
EXPEDIENT CARRIER SERVICES, LLC OF )  
ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(i) OF THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )**

**PUC Docket No. A-311335 F7001**

**JOINT FILING**

Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon") and Expedient Carrier Services, LLC ("ECS") respectfully submit to the Commission, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act")<sup>1</sup>, the attached adoption letter effective September 28, 2004 (the "Adoption"). The Adoption provides for the interconnection of the two companies' networks and makes available to ECS access to unbundled network elements, wholesale telecommunications services, and ancillary services offered by Verizon.

**THE PARTIES**

1. Verizon is an incumbent local exchange carrier authorized to provide local exchange telephone service in Pennsylvania.
2. ECS is a competitive local exchange carrier that is authorized to provide local telephone service in Pennsylvania consistent with appropriate legal requirements established by the Commission.

**THE ADOPTION**

3. ECS has exercised its right under Section 252(i) of the 1996 Act to opt into the Verizon/Cornerstone Telephone Company, LLC Interconnection Agreement which the Commission approved on August 5, 2004 in Case No. A-311316 F7001. Under the Adoption,

<sup>1</sup>Citations 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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ECS has agreed that it will be bound by the terms of the Verizon/ Cornerstone Telephone Company, LLC Interconnection Agreement as such agreement is in effect on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law.

4. The Adoption sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Verizon and ECS will offer and provide network interconnection, reciprocal call termination for local traffic, 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.

5. Key provisions of the Adoption provide for:

- (i) Compensation for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic at rates as specified in Appendix A to the Adoption;
- (ii) Unbundled loops -- providing ECS 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 ECS;
- (iv) Including ECS 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 Appendix A to the Adoption;
- (vi) The continued provision of 911 services to all customers; and
- (vii) Performance standards for services provided by Verizon to ECS 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. If the Commission determines that it wishes to (or must) review the Adoption under the 1996 Act or otherwise, it is the parties' view that the Adoption satisfies the requirements for

Commission approval (to the extent that they would apply) 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 Adoption 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 arrangement specified in the underlying interconnection agreement that is the subject of the Adoption on the same terms and conditions (assuming that none of the exclusions to opt-in rights under Section 252(i) of the 1996 Act would apply). Nonetheless, other carriers are not bound by the terms of such interconnection agreement and remain free to negotiate with Verizon pursuant to Section 252 of the 1996 Act.

8. Second, the Adoption 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 ECS to compete with Verizon as a facilities-based local telephone service carrier for both residential and business customers.

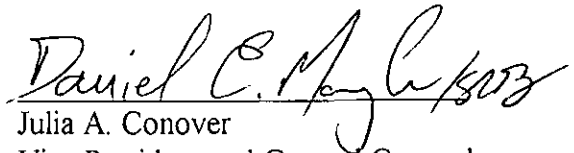
#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT**

9. Verizon and ECS respectfully request that, if the Commission chooses to review the Adoption, it expedite such review 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, Verizon and ECS request that the Commission act sooner than that date if at all possible, if it chooses to review the Adoption.

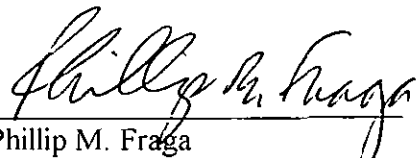
**WHEREFORE**, Verizon and ECS respectfully submit the attached Adoption pursuant to Section 252(i) of the 1996 Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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DATE: January 5, 2005

SUBJECT: A-311335F7001

TO: Office of Special Assistants

FROM: James J. McNulty, Secretary *KB*

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. AND EXPEDIENT CARRIER SERVICES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(i) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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Attached is a copy of a Joint Petition for Approval of Adoption of 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 North Inc. and Expedient Carrier Services, LLC for Approval of Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement Under Section 252(i) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996.  
Docket Number: A-311335F7001.

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Verizon North Inc. and Expedient Carrier Services, LLC, by its counsel, filed on December 8, 2004, at the Public Utility Commission, a Joint Petition for approval of Adoption 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 Expedient Carrier Services, LLC 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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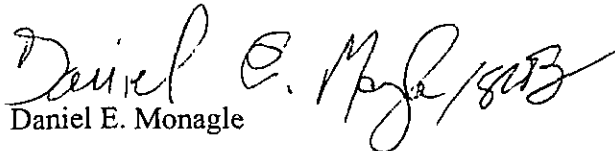
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Dear Mr. McNulty:

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 had been filed. Please be advised that the true and correct copy of parties' adoption letter is the adoption letter which the parties filed on December 8, 2004 and which, together with the underlying Agreement being adopted, was the subject of the Commission's Order approved February 3, 2005. In addition, by cc: of this letter an electronic copy of the entire adoption letter, and of the underlying Interconnection Agreement, 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)  
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