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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC.

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: CORNERSTONE TELEPHONE CO LLC

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ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC. AND CORNERSTONE TELEPHONE CO., LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 UNDER SECTION 252(E) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

RE: Joint Petition of
Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and
CornerStone Telephone Co., LLC
for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1
Docket No. A-311316 F-7000

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of the Joint Petition of Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. and CornerStone Telephone Co., LLC for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1. The Agreement is dated April 7, 2004, and the date of the Agreement's signing by the second party was May 21, 2004; the Amendment's effective date is April 12, 2004.

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

Very truly yours,

Daniel E. Monagle

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Enclosure

cc: Don J. Walsh, Esq. (CornerStone) (Via UPS Overnight)
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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU**

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

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JOINT PETITION

Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. ("Verizon") and CornerStone Telephone Company, LLC ("CSTC") 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 April 12, 2004 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides for the interconnection of the two companies' networks and makes available to CSTC access to unbundled network elements, wholesale telecommunications services, and ancillary services offered by Verizon. Verizon and CSTC 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 CSTC state as follows:

THE PARTIES

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

THE AGREEMENT

3. Verizon and CSTC 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 CSTC 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 CSTC 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 CSTC;
- (iv) Including CSTC 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 CSTC 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 CSTC 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 CSTC 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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DATE: June 11, 2004

SUBJECT: A-311316F7000

TO: Office of Special Assistants

FROM: James J. McNulty, Secretary ^{KAB}

JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC. AND
CORNERSTONE TELEPHONE CO., LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT NO. 1 UNDER SECTION
252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

Attached is a copy of a Joint Petition for Approval of
an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1 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 June 26, 2004.
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 CornerStone Telephone Co., LLC for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1 Under Section 252(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996.

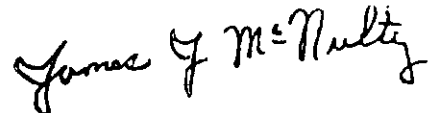
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Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. and CornerStone Telephone Co., LLC, by its counsel, filed on May 21, 2004, at the Public Utility Commission, a Joint Petition for approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment No. 1 under Sections 251 and 252 of 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 CornerStone Telephone Co., 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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