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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: HICKORY TELEPHONE COMPANY

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: CINGULAR WIRELESS, LLC

COMP/APP COUNTY:

UTILITY CODE: 311395

ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT PETITION OF HICKORY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND CINGULAR WIRELESS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(E) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Harrisburg, PA 1710-3265

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Re: Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Hickory Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLC Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Application Docket No. A-311395 F7028

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Hickory Telephone Company are an original and three (3) copies of its Petition seeking approval of its Interconnection Agreement with Cingular Wireless, LLC. A Certificate of Service is attached to the Petition.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, THOMAS, ARMSTRONG & NIESEN

By



Michael L. Swindler

Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service (w/enclosure)
Grier Adamson (w/enclosure)

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Cingular Wireless, LLC Under the :
Telecommunications Act of 1996 :

PETITION

NOW COMES, Hickory Telephone Company ("Telephone Company") and respectfully seeks Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") approval of the attached Interconnection Agreement between Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLP ("Cingular") ("Agreement") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TCA-96") as interpreted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in its Order in Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, T-Mobile et al., Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs, CC Docket No. 01-92, Declaratory Ruling and Report and Order, released February 24, 2005 ("T-Mobile decision"), and pursuant to this Commission's Order entered June 3, 1996, In Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. M-00960799. The Agreement facilitates the provision of service between customers of Telephone Company and Cingular. Telephone Company therefore respectfully requests that the Commission approve the said Agreement. In support of this request, Telephone Company represents as follows:

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I. THE PARTIES

1. Telephone Company is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier providing local exchange telecommunications services in Pennsylvania.

2. Cingular provides wireless services in Telephone Company's local service territory.

II. THE AGREEMENT

3. Telephone Company and Cingular have entered into this Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of TCA-96, 47 U.S.C. §252, and the FCC's T-Mobile decision.

4. The Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which Telephone Company and Cingular will offer and provide network interconnection, reciprocal call transport and termination and other services to each other. The Agreement is an integrated package that reflects a balancing of interests critical to the parties.

III. COMPLIANCE WITH TCA-96

5. The Agreement satisfies the requirements for Commission approval pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of TCA-96, 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A), which provides as follows:

(2) GROUND FOR REJECTION.--The State commission may only reject--

“(A) 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[.]”

6. The Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. Other carriers are not bound by the Agreement and remain free to negotiate independently with Telephone Company pursuant to Section 252 of TCA-96.

7. The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity consistent with Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii), 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A)(ii). The Agreement permits Telephone Company and Cingular to interconnect their networks and provide reciprocal transport and termination, benefitting end user customers of both carriers.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT

8. Under Section 252(e)(4) of TCA-96, 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(4), the Commission has ninety (90) days to approve or reject the Agreement. Telephone Company requests that the Commission approve the Agreement without revision as quickly as possible, consistent with the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Hickory Telephone Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Petition and the attached Interconnection Agreement pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Hickory Telephone Company

By _____



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Telecommunications Act of 1996 :

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 23rd day of October, 2006, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition upon the persons listed below by First Class Mail, postage prepaid:

Office of Consumer Advocate
Forum Place, 5th Floor
555 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923

Office of Small Business Advocate
Suite 1102, Commerce Building
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DATE: October 26, 2006
SUBJECT: A-311395F7028
TO: Office of Special Assistants
FROM: James J. McNulty, Secretary *KB*

Joint Petition of Hickory Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLC 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 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 November 11, 2006. 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

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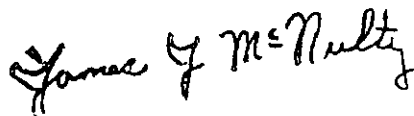
Hickory Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLC, by its counsel, filed on October 23, 2006, at the Public Utility Commission, a Joint Petition for approval of an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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 Hickory Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, 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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James J. McNulty
Secretary

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Docket No. A-311395F7028

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Please be advised pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Commission's Order entered
December 8, 2006, in the above-referenced proceeding, that the Interconnection Agreement filed
on October 23, 2006, was in fact, the true and correct copy of the Interconnection Agreement.
Also enclosed is a CD containing an electronic copy of the Interconnection Agreement in .pdf
format as required by Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Order.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

THOMAS, THOMAS, ARMSTRONG & NIESEN

By 

Michael L. Swindler

Enclosure

cc: Grier Adamson (w/o encl.)
Susan Riley (w/o encl.)

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