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PARTY/COMPLAINANT: BUFFALO VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: CINGULAR WIRELESS, LLC

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### ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

JOINT PETITION OF BUFFALO VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND CINGULAR WIRELESS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 252(E) OF THE TELE-COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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In re: Joint Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Cingular Wireless, LLC and Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Application Docket No. A- 3/13/5 F 70/4

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company are an original and three (3) copies of their Joint Petition and Interconnection Agreement in the above referenced proceeding. Copies of the Joint Petition and Interconnection Agreement will be served in accordance with the Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, THOMAS, ARMSTRONG & NIESEN

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**Enclosures** 

Certificate of Service CC:

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## Before The PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application Docket No. A- 3// 395 F78/4

Joint Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Cingular Wireless, LLC and Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

### JOINT PETITION

NOW COME, Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company (collectively "D&E") and Cingular Wireless, LLP ("Cingular") and respectfully submit to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") for approval, the attached Interconnection Agreement between Cingular and Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Agreement") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TA-96") and the Commission's Order entered June 3, 1996, In Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. M-00960799. The Agreement facilitates Cingular's provision of CMRS service to customers in Pennsylvania. D&E and Cingular therefore respectfully request that the Commission approve the Agreement. In support of this request, D&E and Cingular state as follows:



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Agreement is with Cingular Wireless, LLC and its wireless operating affiliates identified in Appendix B to the Agreement.

#### I. THE PARTIES

- 1. Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company are each incumbent local exchange carriers authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Pennsylvania.
- 2. Cingular is a telecommunications company that has been granted authority by the Federal Communications Commission to provide CMRS service in Pennsylvania.

### II. THE AGREEMENT

- D&E and Cingular have entered into this Agreement pursuant to §252 of TA-96.
- 4. The Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which D&E 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 TA-96

- 5. The Agreement satisfies the requirements for Commission approval pursuant to §252(e)(2)(A) of TA-96, which provides as follows:
  - "(2) GROUNDS 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 --

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- "(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 other telecommunications carrier, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(A)(i). Other carriers are not bound by the Agreement and remain free to negotiate independently with D&E and Cingular pursuant to Section 252 of TA-96.
- 7. The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii). The Agreement permits Cingular and D&E to interconnect their networks and provide reciprocal transport and termination, benefitting Cingular's end user customers and facilitating Cingular's provision of CMRS.

### IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT

8. Under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Commission has ninety (90) days to approve or reject the Agreement and Amendment. The parties request that the Commission approve the Agreement without revision as quickly as possible, consistent with the public interest.

WHEREFORE, D&E and Cingular respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Interconnection Agreement pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

DENVER & EPHRATA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, BUFFALO VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND CONESTOGA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY...

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Petition and Interconnection Agreement on behalf of Cingular Wireless, LLC and Denver & Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company upon the persons listed below by first class mail, postage prepaid:

Office of Consumer Advocate 555 Walnut Street Forum Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923 Office of Small Business Advocate Suite 1102, Commerce Building 300 North Second Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Ms. Susan Riley Sr. Contract Manager Interconnection/LNP Cingular Wireless Suite 1520 5565 Glenridge Connector Atlanta, GA 30342

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### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

DATE:

November 22, 2005

**SUBJECT**: A-311395F7014

TO:

Office of Special Assistants

FROM:

James J. McNulty, Secretary

Joint Petition of Buffalo Valley 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 December 3, 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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### PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

Joint Petition of Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLC for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Under Section 252(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Docket Number: A-311395F7014

Buffalo Valley Telephone Company and Cingular Wireless, LLC, by its counsel, filed on November 16, 2005, 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 Buffalo Valley 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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<u>Docket No. A-311395F7014</u>

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Please be advised pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Commission's January 13, 2006 Order in the above-referenced proceeding, Buffalo Valley Telephone Company is filing an electronic copy on diskette containing the Interconnection Agreement in pdf format.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosure** 

cc: April Peachey (w/o encl.)

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