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RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: VERIZON NORTH INCORPORATED

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ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

VERIZON NORTH, INC., FILED ITS AMENDED NETWORK MODERNIZATION PLAN UNDER ACT 183 OF 2004.

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Re: Verizon North Inc.'s Amended Network Modernization Plan

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon North") submits to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") the enclosed supplement amending its Network Modernization Plan ("NMP") for approval by the Commission under Act 183 of 2004. In its supplement, Verizon North commits to 100% broadband availability throughout its territory by December 31, 2015. Verizon North's amended NMP is "compliant with the requirements" of Act 183 and should be approved by the Commission. 66 Pa. C.S. §3014(e)

Per Act 183, Verizon North's alternative form of regulation plan shall be deemed amended consistent with Act 183 upon approval of Verizon North's amended NMP. 66 Pa. C. S. §3015(h). Changes in the non-NMP sections of Verizon North's plan include, but are not limited to, the following:

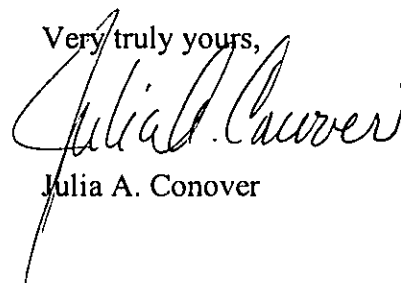
- Verizon North's inflation offset shall be equal to 0.5% pursuant to the company's amended NMP that commits to deploy 100% broadband availability by December 31, 2015. 66 Pa. C. S. §3015(a)(1)(II).
- Where annual rate adjustments made under Verizon North's price stability mechanism are calculated using revenues from protected services, an average rate adjustment for protected residential customer local exchange telecommunications

service lines shall be determined by dividing the total protected service revenues associated with such lines, as adjusted by the price stability formula, by the number of such lines, and the rate adjustment for any individual line shall not vary from this average rate adjustment by more than 20%. 66 Pa. C.S. §3015(a)(3).

- Beginning in 2005 and continuing through 2015, or such earlier date after June 30, 2011, by which Verizon North achieves 100% broadband availability, Verizon North shall be assessed for contributions to the Broadband Outreach and Aggregation Fund based on the first year's annual revenue effect of any rate increase permitted by the reduction in its inflation offset and placed into effect. 66 Pa. C.S. §3015(c) (2).
- Beginning in 2005 and continuing through 2010, Verizon North shall be annually assessed an amount to be deposited in the Education Technology Fund ("E-Fund"). Verizon North's annual assessment shall be payable in two equal installments due on October 31 of each year, and January 31 of the following year, and shall be based on the relative proportion of the retail access lines served by Verizon North in relation to the number of retail access lines served by all nonrural telecommunications carriers that have filed an amended network modernization plan under Section 3014 (b) (3) of Act 183. Verizon North's E-Fund assessments may not be recovered via a surcharge on customers' bills or in rates for noncompetitive services as an exogenous change adjustment under the provisions of Verizon North's price stability mechanism or from annual rate adjustments made under Verizon North's price stability mechanism. 66 Pa. C.S. §3015(d)(3).

As required by the Act, Verizon North is providing notice of this filing in newspapers of general circulation in its service territory. This filing is also being served on the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia A. Conover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the name.

Julia A. Conover

Enclosure

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate (w/encl.)
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**SUPPLEMENT TO
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Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon North") hereby amends its Network Modernization Plan ("NMP") pursuant to Act 183 via the following supplement.¹

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Broadband Availability:

Act 183 defines broadband as "[a] communication channel using any technology and having a bandwidth equal to or greater than 1.544 megabits per second (Mbps) in the downstream direction and equal to or greater than 128 kilobits per second (Kbps) in the upstream direction." 66 Pa. C. S. §3012. Broadband availability is defined as access to broadband service by a retail customer within ten business days after receiving the customer's request for a broadband service. 66 Pa. C. S. §3014(b)(5). Verizon North commits to providing broadband availability, as defined above, to 100% of the total retail access lines in its distribution network by December 31, 2015.

Verizon North also commits to universal broadband deployment in or adjacent to public rights-of-way abutting all public schools, including the administration offices supporting public schools, industrial parks and health care facilities on or before December 31, 2005. 66 Pa. C. S. §3014(b)(4).

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¹ This Supplement amends the NMP, which remains in full force and effect except as expressly amended by this Supplement.

Technology:

As stated in Verizon North's NMP, the broadband commitments contained in the NMP do not require a specific technology. Similarly, Act 183 provides that a local telecommunications company cannot be required to deploy a specific technology. 66 Pa. C.S. §3014(n). Accordingly, Verizon North may choose any technology to meet its broadband commitments.

Bona Fide Retail Request Program:

Verizon North will implement a Bona Fide Retail Request ("BFRR") program in accordance with Act 183 no later than 90 days after the effective date of this supplement to the NMP. No later than 30 days in advance of program implementation, Verizon North will file with the Commission and provide to the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") a written description of the program and samples of the forms to be used in the program. 66 Pa. C. S. §3014(c).

Business Attraction or Retention Program:

Verizon North will establish a Business Attraction or Retention ("BAR") Program as required by Act 183. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this supplement to the NMP, Verizon North will designate a single point of contact to receive all written advanced or broadband service requests forwarded by DCED, provide associated contact information to DCED, and provide DCED and the Commission with a written description of its participation in the program and a sample request for advanced or broadband services form for use in the program. 66 Pa. C. S. §3014(d).

Assistance to Political Subdivisions

Verizon North commits to make technical assistance available to political subdivisions located in its service territory, in pursuing the deployment of additional telecommunications infrastructure or services provided by Verizon. 66 Pa. C. S. §3014(g).

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Dear Secretary McNulty:

The Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") has reviewed Verizon North's ("VZ North") Amended Streamlined Regulation and Network Modernization Plan ("Petition") filed on February 17, 2005, under Act 183 of 2004. In its review, the OSBA has not discovered any violation of Act 183 by VZ North in its Petition.

A copy of this letter has been served on all known parties to this proceeding. A Certificate of Service to that effect is enclosed.

Sincerely,


Steven C. Gray
Assistant Small Business Advocate

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cc: Allen Buckalew

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BEFORE THE
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Verizon North Inc.'s Amended
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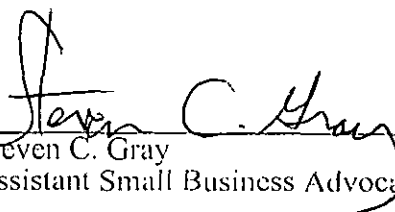
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