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James J. McNulty, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
PO Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: *Verizon North's 2007 Biennial Network Modernization Plan (NMP) Update Report*, Docket No. P-00001854F1000

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed please find a revised page 4 to of Verizon North Inc.'s third biennial update to its Network Modernization Plan under Chapter 30 and Act 183, originally filed on April 2, 2007. An original and three copies of the proprietary version are provided, plus one expurgated copy. Pursuant to discussions with Commission Staff, the purpose of this revision is to provide as a public number in the report the total access lines of Verizon North. Accordingly, a sentence was added to the report to provide this number.

Very truly yours,

  
Suzan D. Paiva

Cc: Carl Hisiro

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**Verizon North Inc.**

**Chapter 30**

**Network Modernization Plan**

**2007 Biennial Update**

**April 2, 2007**

**Expurgated Version**

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As stated in its approved NMP, Verizon North may utilize other existing and future technologies to meet its broadband availability commitments as circumstances may warrant or permit. Verizon North's total access lines for purposes of this report are 591,462.

## Chapter 30 Biennial Update Reporting Guidelines

Guidelines have been established for reporting in Chapter 30 Biennial Updates.

In compliance with those guidelines, Verizon North reports the following:

1. **The biennial updates required pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 3003(b)(6) should provide specific information on how many customers are buying broadband services. This information should be provided both by class of customer, i.e., business, residential, and institutional, and by region or geographic area within each service territory of the filing local exchange carrier ("LEC").**

DSL is the primary broadband service being purchased by end users in Pennsylvania. However, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Content Providers (CPs) purchase DSL from Verizon and as such, are Verizon North's customers (e.g., ISPs resell VZ's DSL service to end users). End users – *i.e.*, individual households and businesses – do not purchase DSL directly from Verizon North, but instead purchase retail DSL directly from the ISPs and CPs. The total number of ISPs and CPs with connections to Verizon North's DSL network is **(Begin Proprietary) (End Proprietary)**. Verizon North does not have access to non-regulated and unaffiliated ISP and CP records to provide data on the number of their end users.

Although Verizon North's NMP states that DSL technology would be the primary initial means to provide broadband service, business customers also purchase other types of broadband services. A breakdown of the number of these broadband customers by bandwidth in rural and urban areas is as follows:

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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.  
Verizon North, Inc.  
Docket No. ~~R-0007~~ P-00001854F/000

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and three (3) copies of the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-captioned proceeding, the 2008 Price Change Opportunity filing filed by Verizon North on November 1, 2007.

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

  
Joel H. Cheskis  
Assistant Consumer Advocate  
PA Attorney I.D. # 81617

Enclosures

cc: All parties of record  
Office of Special Assistants  
Honorable Veronica Smith/ALJ

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Docket No. ~~R-0007~~ P-0000/854 F1000

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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,



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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE  
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Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 19, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of Pennsylvania consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission"). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention to represent the interests of Pennsylvania telephone consumers in the matter involving the Formal Complaint filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") in response to Verizon North, Inc.'s 2008 Price Change Opportunity ("PCO") filing dated November 1, 2007. Verizon North's filing has been docketed by the Commission at Docket No. R-0007\_\_\_\_. Per Verizon North's Chapter 30 Plan, Verizon North's PCO is \$2,793,000. However, Verizon North proposes that there will be no rate increases associated with this filing until February 2009 as a result of Verizon North's accounting of recurring and one-time adjustments from the 2006 and 2007 filings.

After preliminary review of the materials filed by Verizon North in support of its 2008 PCO filing, the OSBA filed a Formal Complaint dated November 13, 2007 averring that those materials may be insufficient to justify the filing, and that Verizon North's proposed rates, rules, and conditions of services may be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory, and otherwise contrary to law. OSBA further contends that Verizon's filing may violate Section 1301 and 3015(g) of the Public Utility Code. The OSBA has further alleged that the adjustments in Verizon North's filing are not sufficiently documented and must be thoroughly investigated.

The OSBA has raised important issues in its Formal Complaint. The Consumer Advocate files this Notice of Intervention in order to participate in the proceeding involving the Formal Complaint filed by the OSBA regarding the Verizon 2008 PCO filing.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
v.  
Verizon North, Inc.  
Docket No. R-0007 \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 26th day of November, 2007.

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DATE: November 28, 2007

SUBJECT: P-00001854F1000

TO: Bureau of Fixed Utility Services

FROM: *KB* James J. McNulty, Secretary

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
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Attached is a copy of a Notice of Intervention, filed by Office of Consumer Advocate, in connection with the above docketed proceeding.

This matter is assigned to your Bureau for appropriate action.

Attachment

cc: ALJ  
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