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Docket Nos: A-2024-3050810  
A-2024-3050811  
A-2024-3050813  
A-2024-3050814  
Utility Code: 3127365

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Re: Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC  
Application for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Telecommunications  
Services to the Public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Yorkgitis:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC (Applicant) filed on August 21, 2024, for approval to offer, render, furnish, or supply telecommunications services to the public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Frontier Communications – Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company and statewide as a Competitive Access Provider (CAP), an Interexchange Carrier Reseller (IXC-R) and a Facilities-Based Interexchange Carrier (IXC-FB). The Application has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the Commission’s filing requirements as set out in *Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Docket No. M-00960799 (*Implementation Order*: June 3, 1996; and *Implementation Reconsideration Order*: September 9, 1996) (*Implementation Orders*).

Pursuant to the *Implementation Orders*, Applicant now has provisional authority to provide telecommunications services in Pennsylvania as an IXC-FB, IXC-R and a CLEC in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC pursuant to its proposed IXC-FB, IXC-R and CLEC tariffs, and as a CAP pursuant to its proposed CAP tariff. However, this provisional authority may be revoked if, upon further Commission review, the Application is found to contain deficiencies.

Further, provisional authority carries certain obligations<sup>1</sup> such as filing an Annual Access Line Summary Report as well as collection and remittance of funds to certain entities, e.g., 9-1-1 fees, PA Telecommunications Relay Service surcharges, etc. A list of reporting requirements may be found on our website at: [http://www.puc.pa.gov/telecom/docs/Reporting\\_Requirements.docx](http://www.puc.pa.gov/telecom/docs/Reporting_Requirements.docx)

The Application, as it pertains to CLEC authority in the service territories of any Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (RLECs) is not eligible for provisional authority under the aforementioned *Implementation Orders*. **Therefore, CLEC provisional authority is only granted concerning CLEC services in the service territory of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC and Verizon North LLC.**

Pursuant to the Secretary's discretion, Applicant's request for a waiver is granted concerning publication in newspapers of general circulation in the applicable RLEC service territories. Per 52 Pa. Code § 5.14, the Commission's Secretary's Bureau will proceed with publishing the attached Publication Notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Attached is a copy of the Publication Notice that will appear in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on November 9, 2024.

The authorities and Docket Numbers assigned to this Application are as follows:

<u>Docket Nos.</u>	<u>Application</u>
A-2024-3050810	CLEC – Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Frontier Communications – Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company.
A-2024-3050811	CAP (Statewide)
A-2024-3050813	IXC-FB – (Statewide)
A-2024-3050814	IXC-R – (Statewide)

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<sup>1</sup> The requirement to collect and remit 9-1-1 fees and TRS surcharges applies to all CLECs regardless of whether the CLEC operates as a reseller or as facilities-based.

This matter is being referred to the Bureau of Technical Utility Services for analysis and to schedule it for consideration by the Commission at Public Meeting. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Ryan Kravitz, Telco Section, Bureau of Technical Utility Services at 717-783-5941 or rykravitz@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

cc: Service List

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Verizon Pennsylvania LLC 900 Race Street 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107	Ironton Telephone Company 4242 Mauch Chunk Road Coplay, PA 18037-9608	Windstream Pennsylvania LLC 4001 N. Rodney Parham Road Little Rock, AR 72212
TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company 525 Junction Rd. Madison, WI 53717	Lackawaxen Telephone Company 104 Hotel Rd. Rowland, PA 18457	The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company P.O. Box D Forest City, PA 18421-1150
South Canaan Telephone Company 2175 Easton Turnpike P.O. Box 160 South Canaan, PA 18459	Frontier Communications – Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC 100 CTE Dr. Dallas, PA 18612	Hancock Telephone Company P.O. Box 608 34 Read St. Hancock, NY 13783

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED**

Application of Astound Networks Pennsylvania, LLC for approval to offer, render, furnish or supply telecommunications services to the public as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in the service territories of: Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, Frontier Communications – Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC, Windstream Conestoga, Inc., Windstream D&E, Inc., Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, The North-Eastern PA Telephone Company, South Canaan Telephone Company, Ironton Telephone Company, Palmerton Telephone Company, Lackawaxen Telephone Company, Hancock Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/ Deposit Telephone Company.

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Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before November 25, 2024. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Application are available for inspection and copying at the Office of the Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov), and at the Applicant's business address.

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