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M-00031754

October 14, 2003

To: Verizon PA, Verizon North (collectively Verizon) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) operating in the Commonwealth

Re: Development of an Efficient Loop Migration Process; Docket No. M-00031754

As directed by this Commission at ordering paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Order entered October 3, 2003, in the above-referenced docket, the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services (FUS), with the assistance of the Law Bureau, will undertake technical conferences for the purpose of developing a batch cut process for Verizon consistent with the FCC's Triennial Review Order. FUS will also gather information on ELP (electronic loop provisioning).

For Verizon and those CLECs who chose to participate, answers to Appendix B of the October 3, 2003 Order are due in hand to FUS and the Law Bureau by close of business on October 31, 2003. To participate in this process, interested parties must respond to Appendix B. Three hard copies and an electronic copy should be provided to FUS, attention Janet Tuzinski, with one hard copy to the Law Bureau, attention Louise Fink Smith.

Parties wanting to participate must also notify¹ Janet Tuzinski, Manager Telecommunications Division, FUS, at (717) 787-9604 or jtuzinski@state.pa.us, by **October 31, 2003**, which is the same date the Appendix B answers are due. All correspondence must reference Docket No. M-00031754. Participants are reminded to take note of the related Protective Order.²

Initially, the technical conference process will be conducted as an off-the-record paper proceeding. Additionally, meetings and/or conference calls may be scheduled as the proceeding unfolds. Since FUS is required to provide the Commission with an initial progress report by November 3, 2003, parties are urged to enter the proceeding as soon as possible.

Parties wishing to make presentations to FUS should make arrangements with Mohan Samuel (717-783-0697) or Leonard Peyton (717-787-3665). In addition, parties producing white papers or other representations outlining non-proprietary technical functions of an efficient loop migration may request FUS to post such documents on the Commission's website.

¹ To expedite the notification process, a suggested sample form is attached.

² The Commission's Procedural Order and Protective Order can be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.puc.paonline.com>.

The Commission requires Verizon to develop a batch hot cut proposal for Pennsylvania, or otherwise explain why one is not needed. Likewise, the industry can make proposals. While there is no requirement that a proposal address ELP, the Commission expects FUS to gather information related to ELP, *e.g.*, who (if anyone) is interested in ELP today, are there any new technologies relevant to ELP, what is the ballpark estimate of its cost, what is the difference between ELP and batch hot cut, and what are the pros and cons of each (*i.e.*, cost benefit analysis of each process, implementation time frame, details of how a trial could be run, and what other states are doing, etc.).

The statutory agencies of the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Trial Staff may participate in this proceeding for the purposes of observation and are, therefore, not required to provide technical data.

Please direct any questions to Janet Tuzinski, Manager Telecommunications Division, FUS, at (717) 787-9604 or jtuzinski@state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

James J. McNulty
Secretary

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate
 Office of Small Business Advocate
 Office of Trial Staff
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDING

Development of an Efficient Loop
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The following company intends to participate in the above-docketed proceeding:

COMPANY NAME: _____

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DATE: _____