

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554
July 13, 2001

Mr. Gordon Evans
Vice President – Federal Regulatory
Verizon Communications Inc.
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evans,

This letter further extends the deadline for Verizon Communications, Inc. (“Verizon”) to file the performance measurement data required by the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order* while the Commission considers Verizon’s request to terminate the reporting requirement.¹ Specifically, the deadline is extended from July 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001.

In the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*, the Commission required Verizon to file performance data for 22 performance measurements that gauge Verizon’s progress in opening its local network to competition.² Verizon files the performance data with the Commission on a quarterly basis, 45 days after the end of each quarter.³ Verizon’s next scheduled filing date is July 15, 2001 for first quarter 2001, based on an extension the Bureau granted Verizon on June 15, 2001.⁴ Verizon’s last filing would be November 15, 2001 for the third quarter of 2001.⁵

On March 8, 2001, Verizon asked the Common Carrier Bureau to relieve the company of its remaining reporting obligations under the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*.⁶ On March 30, 2001, the Bureau sought comment on Verizon’s request.⁷ The Bureau, on its own motion, herein further extends the deadline for Verizon to file its first quarter 2001 performance data from July 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001.⁸ This extension provides additional time for the Commission to consider Verizon’s pending request

¹ Applications of NYNEX Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of NYNEX Cooperation and Its Subsidiaries, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, NSD-L-96-10, 12 FCC Rcd 19985, 20107-08, 20113-23 (1997) (“*Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*”).

² *Id.* at 20107-08.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Letter from Kenneth Moran, Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, to Gordon Evans, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon (June 15, 2001).

⁵ *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 20070. This requirement sunsets 48 months after release of the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*.

⁶ Letter from Gordon Evans, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Dorothy Attwood, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau (Mar. 8, 2001).

⁷ Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Verizon’s Request to Eliminate Reporting Requirements Under the *Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Merger Order*, *Public Notice*, DA 01-810 (Mar. 30, 2001).

⁸ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

to terminate the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX reporting obligations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. You may also contact Mark Stone directly at (202) 418-0816 for further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Moran
Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division