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VERIZON NO LONGER REQUIRED TO REPORT MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND PENNSYLVANIA PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS RESULTS UNDER BELL ATLANTIC/GTE MERGER CONDITIONS

In the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*, the Commission adopted a Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Plan (Performance Plan) to facilitate oversight of Verizon's market-opening progress.¹ The Performance Plan requires Verizon to report monthly the results of 17 performance measurements for each of its states, and to make payments to the United States Treasury if Verizon's performance falls below certain specified standards. The performance measurements depict Verizon's service to competitive LECs in the areas of operations support systems, provisioning, maintenance, interconnection, local number portability, collocation, and billing timeliness. Pursuant to the *Merger Conditions*, the Performance Plan is effective in each state until the earlier of (i) 36 months after Verizon's obligation to make payments starts, (ii) the date on which Verizon receives section 271 authority in a state, or (iii) the effective date of a comprehensive performance plan adopted by a state commission.²

Since adoption of the *Merger Order*, the Commission has approved Verizon's applications to provide in-region interLATA services in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.³ Accordingly, Verizon's obligation to report performance measurements for Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania results pursuant to the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order* were extinguished on April 26, 2001, July 30, 2001, and September 28, 2001, respectively.⁴

For questions regarding this *Public Notice*, please contact Mark Stone at (202) 418-0816.

Action by the Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division.

¹ Applications of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License, CC Docket No. 98-184, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 14032, Appendix D, Attachment A (2000) (*Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*).

² See *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order* at Appendix D, ¶ 17.

³ See, e.g., Application of Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions) And Verizon Global Networks Inc., For Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Massachusetts, CC Docket No. 01-9, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 8988 (2001) (*Verizon Massachusetts Order*).

⁴ See, e.g., *Verizon Massachusetts Order*, 16 FCC Rcd at 9128, ¶ 255.