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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR VERIZON PETITION FOR EXPEDITED FORBEARANCE FROM THE COMMISSION'S CURRENT PRICING RULES FOR THE UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENT PLATFORM**

WC Docket No. 03-157

**COMMENTS: July 28, 2003**

**REPLY COMMENTS: August 11, 2003**

On July 1, 2003, the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed a petition for expedited forbearance, pursuant to section 10 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 160, requesting the Commission to “immediately forbear from its decision permitting UNE-P carriers to collect per-minute access charges from long distance carriers . . . and . . . [to] forbear from applying its current TELRIC pricing rules to the . . . UNE platform.”<sup>1</sup>

Comments and oppositions may be filed no later than **July 28, 2003**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **August 11, 2003**. All such filings should refer to **WC Docket No. 03-157**. Submissions may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form <your e-mail address>.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties that wish to file comments on paper must send the original and four (4) copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Jeremy D. Marcus.

<sup>1</sup> Petition for Expedited Forbearance of the Verizon Telephone Companies at 1 (filed July 1, 2003).

Parties should also serve one copy with Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863-2893, or via e-mail to <qualexint@aol.com>.

Paper copies can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail:

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to: Vistronix, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by commercial overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to: 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be sent to: 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

Documents in WC Docket No. 03-157, including Verizon's petition, are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

For further information, contact Jeremy D. Marcus, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520.

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