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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR VERIZON PETITION FOR PRICING FLEXIBILITY FOR SPECIAL ACCESS AND DEDICATED TRANSPORT SERVICES

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COMMENTS: February 2, 2004

REPLY COMMENTS: February 12, 2004

On January 16, 2004, Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed a petition for pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services in designated geographic areas pursuant to sections 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.* The petition is available for review through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Comments or oppositions may be filed no later than February 2, 2004.¹ Interested parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically through ETFS, although they are not required to do so. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(i). The ETFS provides instructions for filing both public and confidential versions of comments, and, if interested parties require additional assistance, they may call the ETFS Information Line at (202) 418-7700. Parties electing to file comments through a method other than ETFS must file such comments in accordance with section 1.774(e)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(ii). In addition, Verizon may file a reply no later than February 12, 2004, 10 days after the deadline for comments or oppositions. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(d). Any such reply must be filed through ETFS. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(3). For additional information about the filing and service of comments and replies, see sections 1.774(c)-(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774(c)-(e).

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 Jon Stover, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520.

¹ The Commission's rules require that comments or oppositions be filed 15 days after the petition is filed. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(c). In this case, the fifteenth day falls on January 31, a Saturday, thus comments or oppositions are due on Monday, February 2. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(j).

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