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SECTION 272 SUNSETS FOR VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE STATES OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA BY OPERATION OF LAW ON MARCH 19, 2006 PURSUANT TO SECTION 272(f)(1)

WC Docket No. 02-112

The provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), applicable to Bell Operating Company (BOC) provision of in-region, interLATA telecommunications services sunset for the operations of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) in the District of Columbia, and the states of Maryland and West Virginia by operation of law as provided in section 272(f)(1), effective March 19, 2006.

Section 272 of the Act requires BOCs to provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications services through separate corporate affiliates, subject to certain safeguards. 47 U.S.C. § 272(a)(2). Section 272(f)(1) provides that the provisions in section 272 (other than section 272(e)) expire three years after a BOC or BOC affiliate is authorized under section 271 to provide in-region, interLATA services, unless the Commission extends such 3-year period by rule or order. 47 U.S.C. § 272(f)(1).

The Commission granted Verizon section 271 authorization for the provision of in-region, interLATA services in the District of Columbia, and the states of Maryland and West Virginia in an order released on March 19, 2003.¹ Pursuant to section 272(f)(1), the provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) sunset by operation of law for Verizon in the District of Columbia, and the states of Maryland and West Virginia effective March 19, 2006.²

For further information, please contact Cecilia Seppings, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

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¹ See *Application by Verizon Maryland Inc., Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc., Verizon West Virginia Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia*, WC Docket No. 02-384, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd. 5212 (2002).

² See *Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements*, WC Docket No. 02-112, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 26869 (2002) (finding that section 272(f)(1) is best interpreted as providing for a state-by-state sunset).