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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF VERIZON LONG DISTANCE AND VERIZON ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 07-120
Comp. Pol. File No. 799

Comments Due: June 27, 2007

Section 214 Application

Applicants: Verizon Long Distance and Verizon Enterprise Solutions

On **May 24, 2007, Verizon Long Distance and Verizon Enterprise Solutions** (collectively Verizon or Applicants), located at **1320 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia 22201**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of a certain domestic telecommunications service throughout the U.S.¹

Verizon indicates that it currently provides an audio call conferencing service, called "Conference Connections Service," to customers located throughout the country. Verizon explains that Verizon Conference Connections is a service that provides voice conferencing capabilities and features that link calls onto a single, interconnected bridge, and that it includes reservation-less conferencing capabilities. Verizon further explains that there are no recurring charges for this service and that customers are only billed when they use the service. Verizon states that it now plans to discontinue this service on July 13, 2007. Verizon maintains that customers may migrate their service to the Audio Conference service offered by Verizon Business, and that other providers also may offer audio conferencing services. Verizon asserts that it provided notice of its planned discontinuance to affected customers via U.S. Mail on May 17, 2007. Verizon further asserts that it is non-dominant with respect to the service being discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Verizon's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Verizon that the grant will not be automatically effective. In

¹ This application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau on June 4, 2007.

Verizon's application and notice to customers, Verizon indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on July 13, 2007. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Verizon's application and notice, absent further Commission action, Verizon may terminate service throughout the U.S. on **July 13, 2007**. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **June 27, 2007**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 07-120 and Comp. Pol. File No. 799**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 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. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicants. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402,

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), carmell.weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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