

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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| Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia,               | ) |                               |
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| Complainant,                                   | ) |                               |
|  | ) |                               |
| v.   | ) | Proceeding Number 16-211      |
|  | ) | Bureau ID Number EB-16-MD-002 |
| Verizon Business Network Services Inc. and MCI | ) |                               |
| Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon    | ) |                               |
| Business Services,                             | ) |                               |
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| Defendants.                                    | ) |                               |

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

**Adopted:** May 4, 2017

**Released:** May 4, 2017

By the Acting Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. On June 24, 2016, Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia (Farmers Bank) filed with this Commission a formal complaint against Verizon Business Network Services Inc. and MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (collectively, Verizon) under section 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 208.<sup>1</sup> Verizon filed an answer to the Complaint on October 14, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

2. On April 25, 2017, the parties advised the Commission that “all matters in controversy associated with the Proceeding have been finalized, compromised and settled,” and Farmers Bank requested that the Commission dismiss the Complaint with prejudice (Motion).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Formal Complaint, Proceeding Number 16-211, Bureau ID Number EB-16-MD-002 (filed June 24, 2016) (Complaint).

<sup>2</sup> Answer of Verizon Business Network Services Inc. and MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services, Proceeding Number 16-211, Bureau ID Number EB-16-MD-002 (filed Oct. 14, 2016) (Answer). The parties jointly requested – and staff granted – a number of extensions of the deadline by which Verizon was obligated to file its answer so that the parties could discuss settlement. After Verizon filed its Answer, staff granted the parties’ additional joint request that the Commission suspend any future pleading deadlines while the parties finalized a settlement agreement.

<sup>3</sup> Letter to Lisa B. Griffin, Deputy Chief EB/MDRD, from Kelley C. Holland, Counsel for Farmers Bank, Proceeding Number 16-211, Bureau ID Number EB-16-MD-002 (filed Apr. 25, 2017). We consider Farmers Bank’s request to be a motion under rule 1.727. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.727 (“A request to the Commission for an order shall be by written motion, stating with particularity the grounds and authority therefor, and setting forth the relief or order sought.”).

3. We are satisfied that granting the Motion will serve the public interest by promoting the private resolution of disputes, eliminating the need for further litigation, and conserving the resources of the parties and this Commission.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i), 154(j), and 208, and Commission rules 0.111, 0.311, and 1.720-1.736, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, and 1.720-1.736, that the Motion is **GRANTED**, and that this proceeding is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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