



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Petition by the Federal Communications Commission, Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d), for Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Citizens Telecommunications Co. of NY d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York and Verizon North Inc.- Quaker State.

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Attached is an order released by the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on May 1, 2008. In the order, the Commission grants in part and denies in part the petition of NEP Cellcorp, Inc. (NEP) to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act).¹

In accordance with section 214(e)(5) of the Act, the order proposes to redefine the service areas for two of the rural telephone companies for which NEP has been granted ETC status: Citizens Telecommunications Co. of NY d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York and Verizon North Inc.-Quaker State.² The wire centers affected by the reclassification are listed in Exhibit 14 of the order.

The Commission's decision to redefine the service areas of Citizens Telecommunications Co. of NY d/b/a Frontier Communications of NY and Verizon North Inc.- Quaker State is subject to the review and final agreement of the PUC.³ The Wireline Competition Bureau therefore requests that the PUC examine this redefinition based on its unique knowledge of the rural areas in question. Pursuant to section 54.207(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, the attached order includes the definition proposed by the Commission and contains the Commission's reasons for adopting the proposed redefinitions.⁴

The Commission requests that notice of the PUC's approval or other action be sent to: 1) Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary,

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6).

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5); *High Cost Universal Service Support; Federal-State Board on Universal Service, Alltel Communications, et al. Petitions for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers*, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 08-122, App. D, Ex. 28 (r el. May 1, 2008).

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(5).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(d)(1).

445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554; and 2) Jennifer McKee, Acting Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 418-1500 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dana R. Shaffer
Bureau Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau

Attachment