

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

In the Matter of )
Accounting Safeguards )
Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996: ) CC Docket No. 96-150
Section 272(d) Biennial Audit Procedures )

ORDER

Adopted: January 22, 2002

Released: January 23, 2002

By the Commission:

1. On January 10, 2001, the Commission released an order regarding Verizon Communications, Inc.'s (Verizon) request to keep confidential certain audit information contained in Verizon's final section 272(d) audit report. The Commission directed that, unless Verizon sought a judicial stay of the decision within five working days of telephone notice of the decision, the "unredacted version of the final section 272(d) audit report be filed in this docket within ten days." Ten days after the decision was January 20, 2002 and the next Commission business day is January 22, 2002. Verizon has not sought a judicial stay of the Commission's decision. Verizon has, however, filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Stay with the Commission on January 15, 2002. Three parties have filed comments on Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Stay. In order to review these recent filings, we have decided to delay release of the audit report for ten business days. Absent any further action, we direct the independent auditor to file in this docket an unredacted version of the 272 audit report within ten business days of the release of this Order.

2. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 1.108 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.108, that, absent further action, the independent auditor shall file an unredacted version of the 272 audit report within ten business days of the release of this Order.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary

1 Accounting Safeguards Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Section 272(d) Biennial Audit Procedures, CC Docket No. 96-150, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 02-1 (rel. January 10, 2002) (Verizon 272 Confidentiality Order); 47 U.S.C. § 272(d).

2 Id. at para. 23.

3 See Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Stay, CC Docket No. 96-150 (filed Jan. 15, 2002).

4 See Letter from Joan Marsh, Director, Federal Government Affairs, AT&T, to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 96-150 (filed Jan. 18, 2002); CompTel Opposition to Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Stay, CC Docket No. 96-150 (filed Jan. 18, 2002); WorldCom Opposition, CC Docket No. 96-150 (filed Jan. 18, 2002).