

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
VERIZON DELAWARE INC., FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS THREE YEAR FINANCING PLAN) PSC DOCKET NO. 04-027
PLAN WHICH REFLECTS THE ISSUANCE OF)
DEBT SECURITIES UP TO \$125 MILLION)
(FILED DECEMBER 20, 2004))

ORDER NO. 6556

AND NOW, to-wit, this 25th day of January, 2005;

WHEREAS, Verizon Delaware Inc. ("Verizon" or "the Company") has applied to the Commission for approval, under 26 Del. C. § 215(e), of a three-year financing plan whereby Verizon plans to issue over such period one or more series of long-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000), with the exact aggregate principal amounts, the date of issuance(s), the interest rate(s) payable, the dates of interest payments, and other particulars of such financings to be determined, from time to time, by the Company's officers authorized to do so in light of market conditions and other factors; and,

WHEREAS, under 26 Del. C. § 215(e)(2), the Commission may make such investigation and hold such hearings in this matter as it deems necessary, and thereafter may approve the plan in whole or in part with such modification and upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to approve any financing plan when the proposed financings are to be made in accordance with law, for proper purposes, and consistent with the public interest; and,

WHEREAS, under the provisions of 26 Del. C. § 215(e)(2), the Commission may also review the plan for consistency with efficient and reasonable financing principles; and

WHEREAS, under 26 Del. C. § 215(e)(2), the Commission may require the filing of periodic reports as to the action taken pursuant to the plan and shall approve, modify, refuse, or prescribe appropriate terms and conditions with respect to any such plan within sixty (60) days of its filing or, in the absence of such action within such period of time, the proposed financing plan will be deemed to be approved as filed as if the Commission itself had acted favorably thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff has reviewed and examined the proposed financing plan, along with the schedules and exhibits appended thereto, and has determined that the proposed plan is consistent with efficient and reasonable financing principles and proposes financings which would be for a proper purpose and consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Staff has thus recommended that the Commission approve Verizon's proposed financing plan without the need to conduct further hearings; now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Commission, having reviewed this matter and having determined that public notice and hearing are not required, finds that the three-year financing plan filed by Verizon Delaware Inc., with the Commission on December 20, 2004, is consistent with efficient and

reasonable financing principles and proposes future financing that will be for a proper purpose, in accordance with law, and consistent with the public interest. The plan is, therefore, hereby approved for the three-year period running from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007.

2. That nothing in this Order shall be construed as a guarantee, warranty, or representation by the State of Delaware or by any agency, commission, or department thereof with respect to the indebtedness of Verizon Delaware Inc., which may be issued or incurred under the financing plan herein approved.

3. That, on or before December 31st of each year covered by this three-year financing plan, Verizon Delaware Inc., shall file with the Commission a report summarizing in detail the exact nature of financings issued under the plan in such calendar year. Such report shall set forth for each financing the amount, term, rate, issuance costs, the date of issuance, and a revised capitalization ratio. It shall also include an opinion of counsel that said issuances were made for a proper purpose, in accordance with law, and consistent with the authority granted by this Order. In addition, the Commission may, at any time, also require Verizon Delaware Inc., to file additional reports or provide any of the additional information about any financings made under the three-year plan.

4. That the approval of this application by the Commission is not to be construed as approving any capitalization ratios which result therefrom for any purposes or in any proceedings involving the rates of this utility, nor is the burden of proof as may be imposed by any statute upon the utility affected by this approval.

5. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae
Chair

/s/ Joshua M. Twilley
Vice Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Norma J. Sherwood
Acting Secretary