

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC.,)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)
AND COMPETITIVE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICA-) PSC DOCKET NO. 03-535
TIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF)
DELAWARE, AND FOR REVIEW OF A PLAN FOR)
PROVIDING INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)
COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS)
(FILED DECEMBER 15, 2003))

ORDER NO. 6679

This 19th day of July, 2005, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. By PSC Order No. 6437 (June 22, 2004), this Commission allowed Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC ("Lightyear"), a telecommunications carrier, to substitute an irrevocable "Letter of Credit" for the bond surety required by Rule 4(f)(i) of this Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services" (originally adopted in PSC Findings, Opinion, and Order No. 5833 (Nov. 6, 2001)) ("Telecom Rules"). This "waiver," granted in conjunction with Lightyear's application to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, was to extend for a period of one year. During such time, the Commission would explore whether to amend the Telecom Rules to allow all carriers to utilize an irrevocable Letter of Credit as security for performance or refund obligations as an alternative to a Delaware surety bond. After being granted the waiver, Lightyear submitted evidence of such Letter of Credit.

2. A year has now passed. However, the Commission contemplates that in the near future it will propose amendments to its Telecom Rules

to allow all carriers to substitute irrevocable Letters of Credit for the surety bonding obligations under Rule 4(f). In light of that, the Commission will extend the "waiver" granted Lightyear for another year, or until such earlier time when the Commission might enter another Order in this matter. By granting this extension, Lightyear can continue to operate while the Commission moves through the rule amendment process.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That for the reasons set forth in the body of this Order, the waiver granted to Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC, in PSC Order No. 6437 (June 22, 2004), which allowed such telecommunications carrier to submit an irrevocable Letter of Credit as a substitute for the surety bond required by Rule 4(f)(i) of the "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services" is hereby extended until the earlier of: (1) one year from the date of this Order; or (2) the date of a subsequent Order of this Commission. The other terms and conditions for such waiver, as set forth in PSC Order No. 6437 (June 22, 2004), are continued during this new, extended period. This waiver continues to apply only for the provision of interexchange services by Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC.

2. 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

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Vice Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary