

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
OF VERIZON DELAWARE INC., AND MFS)
INTELENET OF DELAWARE, INC., N/K/A MCI)
WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR APPROVAL OF) PSC DOCKET NO. 96-174
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO)
SECTION 252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996 (FILED JULY 17, 1996))

ORDER NO. 6693

A. BACKGROUND

1. On July 17, 1996, MFS Intelenet of Delaware, Inc., n/k/a MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. ("MCI WorldCom"), and Bell Atlantic-Delaware, Inc., n/k/a Verizon Delaware Inc. ("Verizon"), submitted to the Commission an interconnection agreement negotiated between the two parties. By PSC Order No. 4332 (Oct. 15, 1996), the Commission approved the negotiated agreement under the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

2. On May 24, 2005, Verizon filed a letter including Amendment No. 4 to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon and MCI WorldCom.¹ That Amendment, dated March 11, 2005, sets forth the increase in rates that MCI WorldCom will pay Verizon for the DSO (or POTs) switch port for each Embedded Base line going forward.

3. Pursuant to Guideline 30 of the Commission's "Guidelines for Negotiations, Mediation, Arbitration, and Approval of Agreements Between Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers" (as revised effective May 10, 2001), notice of the filing of the Amendment was posted on the Commission's website.

¹Amendment No. 1 was approved by PSC Order No. 4470 (Apr. 29, 1997); Amendment No. 2 was approved by PSC Order No. 4653 (Nov. 18, 1997); and Amendment

4. Only Staff filed comments in response to the notice. Staff reported that there was no reason to reject the proffered Amendment. The Commission considered the Amendment at its meeting of August 9, 2005.

B. FINDINGS AND OPINION

5. The Commission has the authority and jurisdiction to review the Amendment to the interconnection agreement under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1) and 26 Del. C. § 703(4).

6. The Commission determines that there is no reason to reject the Amendment under the review criteria set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A). The Commission has not received any information to suggest that the terms of the Amendment discriminate against other carriers or that implementation of the Amendment would be inconsistent with the public interest.

7. The approval granted here is given under the terms of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A). Specifically, the Commission does not make any finding whether the terms and prices set forth in the Amendment meet the substantive requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 251 or the pricing standard under 47 U.S.C. § 252(d).

C. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

Now, therefore, this 9th day of August, 2005, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, the Amendment to the interconnection agreement entitled Amendment No. 4, submitted by Bell Atlantic-Delaware, Inc., n/k/a Verizon Delaware Inc., and MFS Intelenet of Delaware, Inc., n/k/a MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., on May 24, 2005, is hereby approved under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

No. 3 was approved by PSC Order No. 6400 (Apr. 20, 2004).

2. That the terms and conditions contained in PSC Orders Nos. 4470 (Apr. 29, 1997), 4653 (Nov. 18, 1997), and 6400 (Apr. 20, 2004), shall remain in force or effect.

3. That, within ten (10) days of this Order, Bell Atlantic-Delaware, Inc., n/k/a Verizon Delaware Inc., and MFS Intelenet of Delaware, Inc., n/k/a MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., shall file with the Commission a revised, complete interconnection agreement which shall incorporate Amendment No. 4. The revised agreement may substitute the new provisions or attach the Amendment to the previously approved interconnection agreement. The revised agreement shall be available for public inspection and copying pursuant to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(h).

4. That, pursuant to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i), Bell Atlantic-Delaware, Inc., n/k/a Verizon Delaware Inc., shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under the above agreement as amended to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as provided in the agreement.

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

Vice Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

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/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary