

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the adoption of an interconnection)	
agreement between VOICESTREAM WIRELESS)	
CORPORATION, VERIZON NORTH INC., and)	Case No. U-13140
CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC., d/b/a VERIZON)	
NORTH SYSTEMS.)	
_____)	

At the January 8, 2002 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Laura Chappelle, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

OPINION AND ORDER

On December 17, 2001, VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, (collectively, Verizon) filed a joint application for approval of the first amendment to their interconnection agreement. The amendment changes certain terms regarding compensation that may be due in connection with the exchange of traffic.

Section 252 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC 252, requires that any interconnection agreement that is adopted by negotiation be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 USC 252(e) provides in part:

- (2) The State commission may only reject
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) of this section if it finds that--

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), but subject to section 253 of this title, nothing in this section shall prohibit a State commission from establishing or enforcing other requirements of State law in its review of an agreement, including requiring compliance with intrastate telecommunications service quality standards or requirements.

47 USC 252(e)(2) and (3).

The Commission concludes, after reviewing the application and amendment, that it should approve the amendment. The Commission finds that the amendment is consistent with federal and state law and is in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2), the services provided under the agreement, as amended, must be made available to other telecommunications carriers upon the same terms and conditions.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC 151 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The first amendment should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The first amendment to the interconnection agreement between VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, is approved.

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter the duty of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders and rules.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Laura Chappelle

Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ David A. Svanda

Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

By its action of January 8, 2002.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman

Its Executive Secretary

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter the duty of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders and rules.

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated January 8, 2002 approving an amendment to the interconnection agreement between VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, as set forth in the order.”