

DT 02-079

VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE

SPECIAL CONTRACT WITH SAVINGS BANK OF WALPOLE
FOR PRIPAK SERVICE

Order Approving Special Contract

O R D E R N O. 23,996

June 21, 2002

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 24, 2002, Verizon New Hampshire filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 378:18(b), a Special Contract to provide Integrated Services Digital Network **B** Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) service to the Savings Bank of Walpole.

On May 23, 2002, the Commission extended, by secretarial letter, the effective date of the contract to June 23, 2002 in order to allow Staff time for additional discovery. Having completed the discovery, Staff reports the filing has met the cost imputation requirements as specified in Order Nos. 23,357 and 23,493 (Docket No. DT 99-018). Staff therefore recommends approval of the contract as filed in its June 5, 2002, memorandum.

In order to facilitate Staff analysis of any future

special contract filings, Staff recommended to the Commission that Verizon provide the following information, at the time of filing of special contracts, for the exchange where the special contract customer is located, and the customer category, the total number of:

- 1) Verizon's retail access lines;
- 2) UNE-Platforms;
- 3) UNE Loops;
- 4) Resold Lines; and
- 5) the number of CLECs collocated at the relevant exchange.

Each of the above should be provided for the most recent available date.

Further, Staff requested that every filing of a special contract be accompanied by an item by item listing of features offered in the special contract and their counterpart, price and quantity, in Verizon's effective tariff, and should indicate the identity of the competitor and whether the competitive offer was above or below Verizon's own rate, and by how much.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

In Docket No. DT 98-018 the Commission established reporting standards for special contract filings. In Order No. 23,357 the Commission indicated that market share measures on an exchange basis could serve as a starting point for an analysis of the degree of competition: ". . . the level of CLEC penetration in a target customer's exchange is one possible measure, . . . of the likelihood and capability of CLECs to compete effectively for the customer's business." (Order No. 23,357, p. 8)

Consequently, we find Staff's request for the information outlined above consistent with the requirements of Order No. 23,357 and will require Verizon to file it routinely when Verizon requests approval of a special contract.

Based upon the recommendation in the Staff report, we find that Verizon's filing has met the cost imputation requirements for special contracts as specified in our previous orders, and we find that the contract is in the public interest. **Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

ORDERED, that Verizon's request for approval of the special contract with the Savings Bank of Walpole is GRANTED, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Verizon provide Staff with the information requested in this order whenever a special contract is filed for approval pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, and that such information be provided with the filing of the proposed special contract.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New
Hampshire this twenty-first day of June, 2002.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary