

DT 02-083

VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tariff Filing to Introduce Corporate Rewards

Order Extending Time for Determination and Scheduling a
Hearing

O R D E R N O. 23,972

May 16, 2002

I. INTRODUCTION

On April 25, 2002, Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) filed tariff material with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) introducing the Corporate Rewards plan. The proposed tariff amendment represents an optional toll calling plan that provides Verizon's business customers with various discounts based on the total volume of calls (measured local, toll, and toll free) made within the LATA. The filing amends Tariff No. 83, Part A Section 15 and Part M Section 1, by adding the Corporate Rewards plan to those sections. Also included in the filing is Verizon's supporting information in the form of a service description, a price floor analysis, and changes to effective rates and charges.

As a result of the filing, the Commission opened Docket No. DT 02-083. The Commission notes the proposed amendment is a refiling of the same amendment Verizon filed on

October 31, 2001, in Docket No. DT 01-214, which the Commission denied without prejudice by Order No. 23,872 (December 20, 2001). In that Order the Commission informed Verizon that any refiling of the Corporate Rewards tariff amendment should be accompanied by,

the current annual revenue generated by customers who would be eligible for the proposed tariffed rates; what impact this proposed tariff would have on other customers; and whether this proposed tariff could be fairly examined in the absence of an overall rate design analysis. Order No. 23,872, p. 3.

Staff has reviewed the filing and has informed the Commission that the required material has not been submitted in its entirety. Staff therefore recommends the Commission require Verizon to submit the balance of the information delineated in Order No. 23,872, and hold a hearing to fully address the issues raised in DT 01-214.

Based on our review of the filing and Staff's recommendation, we extend the time for a determination on the proposed filing until June 24, 2002, pursuant to RSA 378:6,IV. We direct Verizon to submit the balance of the material as required by Order No. 23,872 and supporting testimony no later than May 24, 2002. Additionally, we will require a hearing on the matter with respect to the issues raised in Order No.

23,872.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that time for consideration of Verizon New Hampshire's tariff filing in DT 02-083 is extended until June 24, 2002; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a hearing be held on June 4, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Verizon shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order no later than May 24, 2002, in a newspaper with statewide circulation or of general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 4, 2002; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before May 31, 2002, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule

Puc 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a
Petition to Intervene make said Objection at the hearing to be
held on June 4, 2002.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New
Hampshire this sixteenth day of May, 2002.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary