

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-4712
of Verizon Long Distance LLC and)
Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC,)
Basking Ridge, New Jersey,) GRANTED
seeking approval of a Plan of)
Reorganization.)
) Entered: October 21, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 12, 2014, Verizon Long Distance LLC (VLD) and Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC (VES), both of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, filed an application seeking approval of their plan of reorganization. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 17, 2014. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Parties:

VLD and VES are both single-member limited liability companies formed in Delaware. They are both wholly owned subsidiaries of Verizon New York Inc. Verizon New York Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of NYNEX LLC, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications. VLD and VES are served by the same officers and directors. Both Applicants provide long-distance and other telecommunications services throughout the United States. The Commission issued VES a certificate of public convenience and necessity on September 24, 1996, in Docket C-1368. The Commission issued VLD a certificate of public convenience and necessity on September 29, 1999, in Docket C-2103.

Description of the Transaction:

The plan of reorganization would result in the merger of the VLD and VES. Following the planned merger, the surviving entity will be Verizon Long Distance LLC. VLD will remain a wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon New York Inc. The Applicants further request the Commission cancel the certificate and tariffs held by VES effective November 15, 2014.

According to the Applicants, the transaction will not result in a change of the affected customers' rates, terms and conditions, except that those customers who were previously served by VLD following the mergers. Services that were provided under VES price list before the merger will be available under VLD's price list.

VES subscribers were notified of this proposed change via bill insert during the month of September. A copy of the notice was attached to the application. The notice informed VES subscribers that they had the right to select any available provider for regional toll and long distance services and they may choose to switch to another provider without incurring a change fee.

The joint Applicants state approval of the merger will further public interest. The proposed transaction will help simplify and streamline the internal structure of affiliated Verizon entities. This, in turn, will reduce the unnecessary administrative costs and burdens of maintaining two different entities. VLD and VES are already served by the same officers and directors, and no change in management is anticipated as a result of this merger.

Based upon the above information, the Commission finds the application to be fair and reasonable, in the public interest. Therefore, the application should be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4712 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC and its applicable tariffs shall be, and they are hereby canceled effective November 15, 2014.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of October, 2014.

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