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International Bureau Policy Division Grants
Verizon International Section 214 Authority for Virginia and Conditional
Authority for Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") (47 U.S.C. § 214) and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.18), the International Bureau, Policy Division, grants the applications filed by subsidiaries of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") for authority to provide international services originating in Virginia, and conditional authority to provide international services originating in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia. The Verizon subsidiaries are: (1) Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Long Distance (VLD); (2) NYNEX Long Distance Company, d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions (VES); (3) Verizon Global Solutions Inc. (VGSI); and (4) Verizon Select Services Inc. (VSSI) (collectively, "Applicants"). Specifically, Applicants request authority to provide global international facilities-based service between all points in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia and all international points, except countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list; and resale service between all points in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia and all international points. They request grant of these applications at such time as Verizon receives authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in Virginia pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 271. Applicants acknowledge that grant of their requests for authority to provide international services originating in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia would be conditioned such that it would be effective only at such time as Verizon receives section 271 authority for those states (citing *2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Amendment of Parts 43 and 63 of the Commission's Rules*, Report and Order, IB Docket No. 00-231, FCC 02-154, 17 FCC

Rcd 11416 (2002) (“*Biennial Review Order*”).

The international section 214 applications cover traffic originating in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia, which are “in-region” states of Verizon and its subsidiaries, including VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI. The international applications are companions to the joint application of Verizon Virginia Inc., Verizon Long Distance Virginia Inc., Verizon Enterprise Solutions Virginia Inc., Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services of Virginia Inc. for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of Virginia pursuant to section 271 of the Act. No comments were filed on the international section 214 applications, which were put on public notice on October 1, 2002 (*see Non-Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing*, FCC File Nos. ITC-214-20020912-00464, ITC-214-20020912-00465, ITC-214-20020912-00466, ITC-214-20020912-00467, Public Notice, DA 02-2470 (rel. October 1, 2002)).

On October 30, 2002, the Commission approved Verizon’s section 271 application (*see Application By Verizon Virginia Inc., Verizon Long Distance Virginia Inc., Verizon Enterprise Solutions Virginia Inc., Verizon Global Networks Inc. and Verizon Select Services of Virginia Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Virginia*, WC Docket No. 02-214, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 02-297, rel. October 30, 2002. Because Verizon has received section 271 authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of Virginia, we grant VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI authority to provide international facilities-based service originating in the state of Virginia and terminating at all international points, except those countries listed on the Commission’s exclusion list; and international resale service originating in the state of Virginia and terminating at all international points. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(1)-(3). We also grant Applicants authority to provide the same international services originating in Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia subject to the condition that such authority shall be effective for each of these in-region states only at such time as Verizon receives section 271 authority to provide in-region, inter LATA service in that state (*see Biennial Review Order, supra*, para. 45.). The Bureau finds that grant of the international section 214 applications will serve the public interest by increasing competition in international services, expanding the range of new and innovative services and allowing for more efficient use of existing international telecommunications facilities.

These grants of authority are subject to Applicants’ compliance with the Commission’s international dominant carrier regulations as specified in section 63.10(c) & (e) of the rules on the following routes where Applicants have affiliations with foreign carriers that the Commission has not yet determined lack market power: (1) the U.S.-Dominican Republic route, (2) the U.S.-Venezuela route, and (3) the U.S.-Gibraltar route (except to the extent Applicants serve these routes solely by reselling the international switched services of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers).

We grant Applicants' request for non-dominant classification on all other routes where Applicants have affiliations with foreign carriers. Applicants have demonstrated that these foreign carriers lack sufficient market power on the foreign end of the routes to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market. In sum, VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI will be classified as non-dominant international carriers in their provision of U.S. international services on all routes except the U.S.-Dominican Republic route, the U.S.-Venezuela route, and the U.S.-Gibraltar route. Grant of these international section 214 applications will become effective upon the effective date of the Commission Order granting authorization to Verizon to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of Virginia.

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