

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 5900

Joint Petition of New England Telephone & Telegraph)
Company d/b/a NYNEX, NYNEX Corporation, and Bell)
Atlantic Corporation for approval of a merger of a wholly-)
owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic Corporation into NYNEX)
Corporation)

Order Entered: 4/5/99

ORDER ACCEPTING COMPLIANCE FILING

In approving the merger between NYNEX Corporation and Bell Atlantic, we imposed a condition that the merged company file a proposed methodology by which the Board may compare the relationship between the services, facilities, infrastructure, and prices offered by the merged company in Vermont and those offered elsewhere within the merged company's service territory.

On November 12, 1997, Bell Atlantic filed a proposed methodology. The methodology would require Bell Atlantic to file a "Merger Benchmark Report." The report would contain three sections: physical facilities and network infrastructure; prices; and service availability. No party has made a responsive filing.

The proposed report includes information on the prices and availability of a digital service product called "ISDN." Since its filing was made in 1997, however, Bell Atlantic has announced that it will offer "DSL" service in most or all of its states beginning this year. DSL is also a digital service product, but has greater capabilities than ISDN. Bell Atlantic should include in its Merger Benchmark Report parallel information concerning DSL availability and pricing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the methodology described in Bell Atlantic's filing is approved, and within 60 days Bell Atlantic shall file its first annual Merger Benchmark Report containing information described in its November 12, 1997, filing, with the addition of information concerning DSL availability and pricing.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 5th day of April, 1999.

s/ Richard H. Cowart)

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/ Suzanne D. Rude)

) BOARD

s/ David C. Coen)

) OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 5, 1999

Attest: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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