

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6273

In Re: Resale Agreement between New England)
Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell)
Atlantic-Vermont and DPI-Teleconnect, L.L.C.)

Order entered: 10/13/99

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND

A prehearing conference in this proceeding was held on September 22, 1999. The following persons entered appearances: Victor D. Del Vecchio, Esq., for New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic-Vermont ("Bell Atlantic"); Sheldon Katz, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"); and Kyle Dickson, Esq., for DPI-Teleconnect, L.L.C. ("DPI").¹

SCHEDULING

The primary focus of the prehearing conference was the establishment of the schedule for this proceeding. Under section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), the Board must issue its final decision within 90 days of the submission of an interconnection agreement.

The Act, which governs this proceeding, does not require that the Board conduct evidentiary hearings. The parties thus agreed to a procedural schedule whereby the Hearing Officer would draft a Proposal for Decision ("PFD"), which would then be circulated to the parties. Following issuance of the PFD, the Department and other parties may submit comments on the proposed interconnection agreement and the PFD. At this time, it appears unlikely that a hearing will be needed, so the procedural schedule does not contain specific hearing dates.

I wish to remind parties that, under 3 V.S.A. § 811, they have the right to comment upon my PFD and request oral argument before the Board. Assuming the parties can reach agreement on an appropriate resolution of this docket, the parties may want to consider

1. Mr. Dickson filed a formal notice of appearance with the Board on September 30, 1999.

waiving their rights under this section, in writing, to allow issuance of a final Board order more rapidly.

SO ORDERED.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 13th day of October, 1999.

s/Gregg C. Faber
Gregg C. Faber
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 13, 1999

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

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