

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
PARADISE MERGERSUB, INC., GTE)
CORPORATION, VERIZON HAWAII INC.)
BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
AND VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.)
)
For Approval of a Merger)
Transaction and Related Matters.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 04-0140

ORDER NO. 21304

Filed August 16, 2004
At 10:40 o'clock A .M.

Karen Higashi.
Chief Clerk of the Commission

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

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ORDER

On August 6, 2004, the commission, by Order No. 21226, established a comment period for the matters of this docket to run from the date of the order through September 30, 2004. However, due to the great public interest generated on this matter, the commission has determined that public hearings should also be used as a method of obtaining public comments. The matters of this docket are of considerable interest to the general public and soliciting public comments through public hearings in addition to the established comment period will be helpful, beneficial, and in the public interest.

The parties and participants¹ to this proceeding are hereby put on notice that the commission intends to hold public

¹The parties and participants to this docket are: PARADISE MERGERSUB, INC.; GTE CORPORATION; VERIZON HAWAII INC.; BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; and VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.; the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS; JEREMIAH C. GENOVIA; CHARLES K. HEKEKIA, JR.; the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1357; the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE and ALL OTHER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES; PACIFIC LIGHTNET, INC.; and TIME WARNER TELECOM OF HAWAII, L.P., dba OCEANIC COMMUNICATIONS.

hearings on the matters of this docket. Public hearing dates, times, and locations will be established by notice of public hearings to be issued by the commission subsequent to this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that public hearings will be held on the matters of this docket. The dates, times, and locations will be established by notice of public hearings to be issued by the commission subsequent to this order.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this AUG 16 2004.

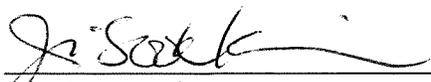
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OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ji Sook Kim
Commission Counsel
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21304 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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