

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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In the Matter of the Application of)
VERIZON HAWAII INC.)
For Approval of Amendment No. 1)
To the Interconnection Agreement)
Between Verizon Avenue and)
Verizon Hawaii Inc.)
_____)

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII
DOCKET NO. 03-0229

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 20577

Filed Oct. 14, 2003
At 10:00 o'clock A .M.

Karen Higashi.
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.
K. Higashi.

II.

Verizon Hawaii is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Hawaii (State), and engaged in the provision of varied telecommunications services within its certificated territory in the State. Verizon Hawaii is an "incumbent local exchange carrier" as the term is defined in 47 U.S.C. § 252.

The commission approved the original interconnection agreement between the Parties by Decision and Order No. 19718, filed on October 21, 2002, in Docket No. 02-0190. The Amendment modifies the original agreement by, among other things, adding the Central Office Remote Terminal ("CORT") report, its associated nonrecurring charge, and the necessary terms and conditions to effectively execute the Amendment. It appears the Parties voluntarily negotiated the terms and conditions of the Amendment as contemplated by 47 U.S.C. § 252(a).

The Consumer Advocate concluded that the Amendment is reasonable and consistent with the federal requirements in its SOP. The Consumer Advocate determined that the Amendment does not appear to discriminate against a carrier not a party to the agreement, and was negotiated and agreed to in good faith by the Parties. In addition, the Consumer Advocate states that the method by which Verizon Hawaii will calculate the CORT report fee is consistent with other interconnection agreements in which prices will be determined on an individual case basis.

III.

Our review of the Amendment is governed by 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and HAR § 6-80-54. These sections provide that we may reject a negotiated agreement only if:

- (1) The agreement, or any portion of the agreement, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (2) The implementation of the agreement, or any portion of the agreement, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

We find that the Amendment does not discriminate against other telecommunications carriers and that the implementation of the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We conclude that the Amendment should be approved.


IV.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Amendment No. 1 to the interconnection agreement between Verizon Hawaii and Verizon Avenue, filed on August 21, 2003, is approved.
2. This docket is closed.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 14th day of October, 2003.

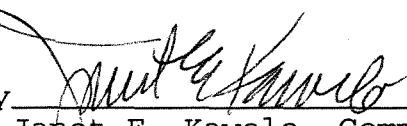
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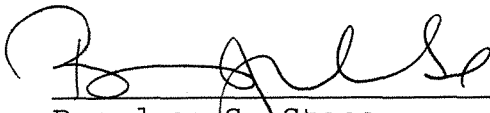
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Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Decision and Order No. 20577 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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