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. 21708

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By Decision and Order No. 21696, filed on March 16, 2005 ("D&O No. 21696"), the commission conditionally approved the merger transaction and other related matters described the Application of PARADISE MERGERSUB, INC., now known TELCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ("HT Communications"); HAWAIIAN GTE CORPORATION; VERIZON IIAWAH INC.; BELL ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., dba VERIZON LONG DISTANCE; and VERIZON SELECT SERVICES (collectively, "Applicants").2

Under Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-137, a motion seeking any change in the commission's decision, order, or requirement through, among other things, a reconsideration, modification, suspension, or a combination thereof, must be filed with the commission within ten (10) days after the decision or

¹By letter dated and filed on March 3, 2005, HT Communications, through its attorney, advised the commission of its name change and the name changes of certain of its affiliates referenced in the proceeding.

²The Application was filed on June 21, 2004.

order is served on the party. The commission issued D&O No. 21696 on March 16, 2005; thus, under HAR §§ 6-61-137, 6-61-21, and 6-61-22 any motion to suspend, reconsider, and/or modify the commission's decisions, orders, or requirements set forth in D&O No. 21696 must be filed by Monday, March 28, 2005.

On March 23, 2005, Applicants filed a motion for an order to enlarge the time until April 4, 2005, to file a motion for reconsideration and clarification of D&O No. 21696, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23 ("Motion to Enlarge"). On March 24, 2005, Applicants filed a letter on behalf of the other "Parties and Participants" of this proceeding conveying a letter stating that they do not object to Applicant's Motion to Enlarge.

In its Motion to Enlarge, Applicants state that to is needed by Applicants additional time complete their analysis of the various regulatory conditions imposed Specifically, Applicants contend that No. 21696. D&O D&O No. 21696 imposed several additional regulatory conditions aside from those that they had previously agreed to with the Consumer Advocate and Oceanic, and that additional time is needed

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³Pursuant to HAR § 6-61-41, Applicants do not request a hearing on its Motion to Enlarge.

Aside from Applicants, the Parties and Participants to this (1) the DIVISION OF are: CONSUMER ADVOCACY, proceeding DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"); (2) the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ALL OTHER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES; (3) PACIFIC LIGHTNET, INC.; TELECOM HAWAII, WARNER OF L.P., dba OCEANIC COMMUNICATIONS ("Oceanic"); (5) JEREMIAH C. GENOVIA; (6) CHARLES HEKEKIA, JR.; and (7) the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1357.

to examine the impacts of the additional regulatory conditions on their proposed merger transaction, and whether any motion may be needed to request reconsideration or clarification of D&O No. 21696.

Under HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1), the commission, at its discretion, for good cause shown may order a period enlarged if a written request is made prior to the expiration of the period originally prescribed. Based on our review of Applications' motion and the letters filed on March 24, 2005, we find that Applicants have satisfied the requirements of HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1). Accordingly, we conclude that Applicants' Motion to Enlarge should be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Applicants' Motion to Enlarge, filed on March 23, 2005, is granted, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1). Accordingly, Applicants have until April 4, 2005, to file a motion for reconsideration and/or clarification of D&O No. 21696.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing $\underbrace{\text{Order No.}}$ $\underbrace{\text{21708}}$ 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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