

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against GTE Communications Corporation (n/k/a Verizon Select Services Inc.) For apparent violation of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., Local, Local Toll, or Toll Provider Selection.

DOCKET NO. 990362-TI  
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1237-PCO-TI  
ISSUED: June 1, 2001

ORDER GRANTING VERIZON'S EMERGENCY REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING AND SECOND ORDER MODIFYING ORDER  
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

The Commission opened this docket to address numerous complaints against Verizon Select Services, Inc. f/k/a GTE Communications Corporation (Verizon) for unauthorized carrier changes in violation of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code. Verizon offered a settlement agreement to resolve the matter, which this Commission approved by Proposed Agency Action (PAA) Order No. PSC-00-1348-PAA-TI, issued July 26, 2000. The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) protested our PAA order on August 16, 2000. By Order No. PSC-01-0739-PCO-TI (Order Modifying Order Establishing Procedure), issued March 23, 2001, an evidentiary hearing was set for June 1, 2001 in this proceeding. On May 29, 2001, Verizon filed its Emergency Request for continuance of Hearing, citing a death in the family of its principal witness. The Request was not opposed by OPC.

Based upon the foregoing, Verizon's Emergency Request for Continuance of Hearing is granted. The hearing shall be continued to August 3, 2001. The Briefs shall be due on August 24, 2001.

It is, therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, that Verizon Select Services, Inc.'s Emergency Request for Continuance of Hearing is hereby granted. It is further

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ORDERED that the new date for an evidentiary hearing in this Docket is August 3, 2001, and the briefs are due on August 24, 2001. It is further

ORDERED that the Order Establishing Procedure in this case, Order No. PSC-00-1835-PCO-TI, issued October 6, 2000, is affirmed in all other respects.

By ORDER of Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, this 1st Day of June, 2001.

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LILA A. JABER  
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.