

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 060767-TP

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION
SERVICES LLC D/B/A VERIZON ACCESS
TRANSMISSION SERVICES FOR ARBITRATION OF
DISPUTES ARISING FROM NEGOTIATION OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH EMBARQ
FLORIDA, INC.



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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER MATTHEW M. CARTER, II
Prehearing Officer

DATE: Monday, April 23, 2007

TIME: Commenced at 3:35 p.m.
Concluded at 3:41 p.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
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12 of the Commission Staff.

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2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The hearing will now come to
3 order.

4 Staff, would you please read the notice.

5 MS. TAN: Pursuant to notice filed on April 6th,
6 2007, this time and place has been set for a prehearing
7 conference in Docket Number 060767-TP, in re, petition of
8 MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, d/b/a Verizon
9 Access Transmission Services for arbitration of disputes
10 arising from negotiation of interconnection agreement with
11 Embarq Florida, Inc.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Let's take appearances.

13 MS. MASTERTON: Susan Masterton representing Embarq
14 Florida, Inc.

15 MS. CASWELL: And this is Kim Caswell representing
16 Verizon Access.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Kim, can you turn your volume
18 down just a tad, just a wee bit.

19 MS. CASWELL: I'm sorry, is that better?

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. Now, make it again.

21 MS. CASWELL: Okay. How's that?

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. I'm just saying state it
23 again so I can listen to your voice.

24 MS. CASWELL: Okay. How does that sound?

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Nevermind. Okay, good.

1 Staff.

2 MS. CASWELL: Is it still too loud?

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We've got you. Okay. We're
4 good. Staff.

5 MS. TAN: Lee Eng Tan and Adam Teitzman on behalf of
6 Commission staff.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Any preliminary matters?

8 MS. TAN: There are none.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Procedural matters?

10 Let's review the prehearing order. Now, that doesn't
11 mean you have got to say anything just because we're going
12 through it. Just let me know if there are any matters of
13 concern.

14 I think we will just skip on down to Section X. Any
15 outstanding motions?

16 MS. CASWELL: Not that I'm aware of.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Anything in the preceding
18 sections that I skipped just to go to Section X?

19 MS. CASWELL: Sir, just to address Ms. Tan.

20 I think the corrections were made in our witnesses,
21 the statement of the witnesses and the testimony to which they
22 would be -- the testimony they would be sponsoring for which
23 issues. In other words, the issues were incorrect, and I told
24 Ms. Tan earlier about that. I don't have the -- I never
25 received a corrected prehearing order.

1 MS. TAN: Those issues have been corrected.

2 MS. CASWELL: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Nothing on Section X.

4 Section XI, outstanding confidentiality matters.

5 Any?

6 MS. CASWELL: No, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Section XII, opening and
8 closing statements. Staff is recommending ten minutes per
9 side. Opening --

10 MS. CASWELL: I'm going to dispense with opening and
11 closing statements. It's up to Ms. Masterton.

12 MS. MASTERTON: Embarq would agree with that.

13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. That's ten minutes
14 combined now, opening and closing.

15 MS. CASWELL: Well, I would be willing not to do any
16 opening or closing statement.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Great. Excellent. I heard you
18 the first time. Message received, and we will govern ourselves
19 accordingly. Great.

20 Important dates.

21 MS. TAN: The important dates are discovery cut-off
22 of April 25th, a prehearing order on April 27th, and the
23 hearing on Thursday, May 3rd.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Any other matters before us at
25 this point in time?

1 MS. TAN: Staff has none.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Either of the parties, any
3 matters outstanding at this point in time?

4 MS. CASWELL: Verizon has none.

5 MS. MASTERTON: Embarq has none.

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The meeting is adjourned.

7 MS. CASWELL: Thank you.

8 (The prehearing concluded at 3:41 p.m.)

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18 DATED THIS 24th day of April, 2007.

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