

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Name Change)	
Request of Bell Atlantic Communications,)	Case No. XN-2009-0329
Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance to)	Tariff No. YX-2009-0641
Verizon Long Distance LLC.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On March 10, 2009 Bell Atlantic Communications d/b/a Verizon Long Distance filed a new tariff (P.S.C. MO No. 2), with a proposed effective date of April 9, 2009 to reflect its change of name to Verizon Long Distance LLC.

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 provides:

(5) A name change may be accomplished by filing the items below with a cover letter requesting a change of name. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, the items required herein may be filed by a nonattorney. Applications for approval of a change of name shall include:

(A) A statement, clearly setting out both the old name and the new name;

(B) Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri secretary of state; and

(C) Either an adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application, or revised tariff sheets with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application.

3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission recognize the new name. The application clearly sets out the old name of Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance and the new name of Verizon Long Distance, LLC. The application includes evidence of registration of the name

change with the Missouri Secretary of State. The application includes a new tariff with the new name.

4. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.545 (20) requires the applicant to notify its customers at or before the next billing cycle of any name change affecting customer recognition of the company. The Company has indicated that customers will be notified at the May 1, 2009 billing cycle.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order to recognize the name change from Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance to Verizon Long Distance, LLC, and to approve the new tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 3rd day of April 2009.

/s/ Samuel D. Ritchie_____

Memorandum

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. XN-2009-0329
Tariff No. YX-2009-0641
Date: 4/3/09

From: Lisa Mahaney
Telecommunications Department

William Voight 4/3/09
Utility Operations Division/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Name Change

Existing Name of Company: Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance
Proposed Name of Company: Verizon Long Distance LLC

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Commission approve the change of name and tariff sheet(s) for No. 2 effective 4/9/09.

Review Items

Administrative:

- No applications to intervene filed.
- Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri Secretary of State has been submitted.

- Customers have been notified. (4 CSR 240-3.545(20))
- Customers will be notified at or before the next billing cycle of any name change. (4 CSR 240-3.545(20))

Tariff:

- Adoption Notice
- Revised Title Page (see tariff review section below)
- New Tariff (see tariff review section below)

Tariff review items (as applicable):

- Properly formatted: (Company name, PSC MO No., Page #, Page revision #, proposed effective date)
- Identifies competitive classification.
- Identifies waivers granted.
- Customer specific pricing, if proposed, limited for private line, special access or Centrex-like services or to business customers in exchanges where the incumbent local exchange company has had its business services declared competitive pursuant to Section 392.245. (392.200(8)).
- Proposed rates do not establish geographic deaveraged rates (if not checked, explain in attachment). (392.200(4)).

Appendix A

- If an alternative operator service provider (receives more than 40% of revenues from traffic aggregators) operator service rates do not exceed: Person-to-Person (\$10.00), Station-to-Station/card (\$5.50). (392.515(1))

Tariff review items (as applicable, only for CLECs):

- Tariff clearly indicates areas offering local service area
(____ AT&T Missouri, ____ CenturyTel, ____ Sprint, ____ Spectra, ____ Other)
- Tariff offers local service as a separate and distinct service.
- Switched access service rates capped at ILEC's rates.

Are there additional recommendations or special considerations?

No

Yes

If yes, explain in an attachment.

The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment, MoUSF, and Relay Missouri..

The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

(No annual report Unpaid PSC assessment Unpaid MoUSF

Unpaid Relay Missouri. Amount owed:)

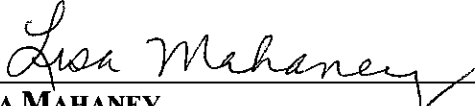
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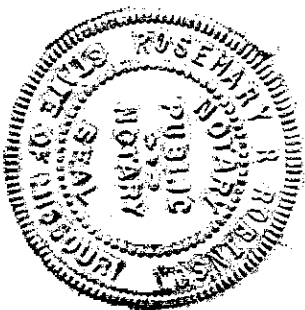
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)


Lisa Mahaney, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



LISA MAHANEY

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 3rd day of April 2009.





NOTARY PUBLIC

ROSEMARY R. ROBINSON
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Callaway County
My Commission Expires: September 23, 2012
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