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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

1 MARC SPITZER  
2 Chairman  
3 JIM IRVIN  
4 Commissioner  
5 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL  
6 Commissioner  
7 JEFF HATCH-MILLER  
8 Commissioner  
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10 Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission

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8 IN THE MATTER OF BELL ATLANTIC  
9 COMMUNICATIONS D/B/A VERIZON  
10 LONG TARIFF FILING TO INCREASE THE  
11 MAXIMUM RATE FOR LDMTS OFF PEAK  
12 MAXIMUM RATES

DOCKET NO. T-03289A-03-0302

DECISION NO. 66170

ORDER

12 Open Meeting  
13 August 12 and 13, 2003  
14 Phoenix, Arizona

14 BY THE COMMISSION:

15 FINDING OF FACT

16 1. On May 13, 2003, Bell Atlantic Communications d/b/a Verizon Long Distance  
17 ("Verizon") filed tariff revisions to its A.C.C. Tariff No. 2. These changes increase maximum rates for  
18 Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service ("LDMTS") Peak/Off Peak rates. These changes  
19 increase the maximum rates for LDMTS Off-Peak service. The proposed tariff increases the Off-Peak  
20 per call charge to \$0.28 from \$0.18, and the per minute rate to \$0.28 from \$0.18.

21 Arizona Tariff No. 21

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23 2. Since this filing increases the maximum rates for a component of a service that has been  
24 classified as competitive under the Commission's Competitive Telecommunications Services Rules,  
25 Arizona Administrative Code Rule R14-2-1110 applies to Verizon Long Distance's proposal. Staff  
26 requested information from Verizon to allow it to determine the potential effects of approval of the  
27 filing. Verizon provided information that indicates that the expected revenue effect of this filing is an  
28 increase of less than 1 percent in Verizon's Arizona revenues.

1 3. Verizon provided evidence to Staff that it has provided customer notification in  
2 accordance with Commission rules. Staff has reviewed the customer notification provided and does  
3 agree that it is consistent with Commission policy.

4 4. The rates contained in this filing are for services that have been classified as competitive  
5 by the Commission's Competitive Telecommunications services rules. Under those rules, rates for  
6 competitive services are not set according to rate of return regulation standards. Staff obtained  
7 information from Verizon regarding its fair value rate base. The fair value rate base of Verizon is zero.  
8 However, the rate to be ultimately charged by Verizon will be heavily influenced by the market.  
9 Therefore, while Staff considered the fair value rate base information submitted by Verizon, it did not  
10 accord that information substantial weight in its analysis of this matter.

11 5. Staff recommends approval of this filing.

12 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 1. Verizon is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV,  
14 Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

15 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Verizon and over the subject matter of the  
16 application.

17 3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the  
18 Commission's tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated July 24, 2003, concludes the tariff is  
19 reasonable, fair and equitable, and is therefore in the public interest.

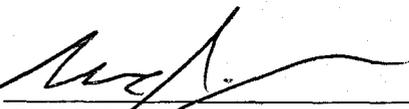
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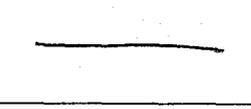
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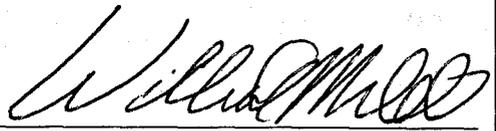
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Verizon's Arizona Tariff No. 2, Page 30.1 be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

**BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

  
CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

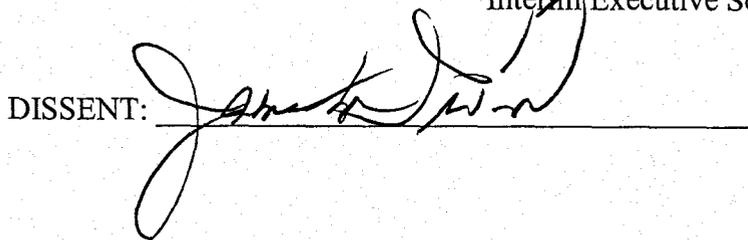
  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I JAMES G. JAYNE, Interim Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

  
JAMES G. JAYNE  
Interim Executive Secretary

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