

AT&T and WorldCom Joint COLLABORATIVE PROPOSAL

AT&T and WorldCom jointly propose that the Collaborative Committee adopt metrics and standards in Virginia using the following guidelines:

1. **Virginia should use the work of the existing Metrics Collaborative in New York to update the Virginia Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines metrics definitions and performance standards.** A single lead collaborative is the most efficient means to address metrics issues. The existing Metrics Collaborative in NY has been in operation for nearly four years and has matured to include active participation by a number of CLECs including many that do business in Virginia. The collaborative is open to all CLECs -- and can be participated in via phone call or face-to-face.
2. **The Virginia Collaborative Committee should be continued in order to supplement the work of the Metrics Collaborative in New York.** This collaborative would meet as needed (but usually no more than quarterly unless special circumstances warrant a more frequent meeting) to discuss Virginia specific metrics issues and administrative issues relating to the Virginia C2C Guidelines. The meetings would follow these rules:
 - The meetings would be monitored and facilitated by SCC staff. The meetings would be open to participation by Verizon, all CLECs and the Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General.
 - The meetings would be for the purpose of discussing modifications to the Virginia metrics (as discussed below) and metrics administration issues.
 - The Virginia collaborative would also discuss Virginia-specific metrics changes that parties may propose to address an issue unique to Virginia that is not appropriate to raise in the NY metrics collaborative. Virginia-specific metrics issues that are not resolved via consensus may be pursued by the filing of a separate petition to raise the issue with the Commission.
 - The collaborative would be informal. There would be no transcript, although minutes would be kept and circulated (through a member of the Virginia Commission Staff or a CLEC delegate designated by the parties).
3. **The existing New York Carrier to Carrier Guidelines would be adopted as the Virginia C2C Guidelines -- allowing for state specific modifications such as different holiday schedules, differences in OSS availability and differences in geography.** Verizon VA has circulated to the parties a "Virginia version" of the New York metrics and standards for review by the parties to confirm that they conform to the New York Guidelines. These Guidelines would be adopted by the SCC after review and any necessary revisions.

4. **On a going-forward basis, any "consensus decisions" (as defined by the New York Collaborative) to change the New York Guidelines that result from the New York Collaborative facilitated by the New York Public Service Commission ("PSC") will be adopted as part of the Virginia C2C Guidelines, subject to the minimal state-specific changes outlined in ¶ 3, above.**
 - Verizon VA shall file consensus metrics change(s) and the planned implementation date, which shall be no more than 45 calendar days from the filing, with the Virginia Commission within 30 calendar days of the submission date of the compliance filing in New York.
 - All parties would have the opportunity to comment on whether the metrics change(s) appropriately adapts the New York metric to Virginia, and the planned implementation date.
 - All metrics changes filed in Virginia as a result of the New York collaborative shall go into effect unless the Commission rejects the filing within 45 calendar days of the filing date of the metrics change.

5. **On a going-forward basis, any "non-consensus" decisions to change the New York Guidelines that result from an Order of the New York PSC shall be filed by Verizon VA in Virginia and will be adopted as part of the Virginia C2C Guidelines, subject to the minimal state-specific changes outlined in ¶ 3, above, unless the SCC rejects the filing within 45 calendar days of Verizon-VA's filing of the metrics change.**
 - There will be a strong presumption that NY PSC-ordered "non-consensus" metrics changes should also be adopted as part of the Virginia Guidelines.
 - Verizon VA must file any metric changes ordered by the NY PSC and the planned implementation date, which shall be no more than 45 calendar days from the filing, with the SCC within 30 calendar days of the date of the NY PSC Order. If Verizon VA opposes the adoption and implementation of a NY PSC-ordered "non-consensus" metrics change, Verizon VA shall set forth its reasons for its opposition in its initial filing of the metrics change.
 - All other parties shall have an opportunity to comment on whether the metrics change(s) should be implemented in Virginia, and the planned implementation date.
 - The metrics change(s) shall be implemented by Verizon VA unless the SCC rejects the filing within 45 calendar days of the date of Verizon VA's filing.