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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.**

**STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**CASE NO. PUC000035**

**Ex Parte: In the matter of third-party testing of Operation Support Systems for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.**

**Project Leader Ruling Seeking Comments On Verizon's Requested Modification To The Master Test Plan**

**October 2, 2000**

On February 17, 2000, the Commission established this proceeding to conduct third-party testing of the operation support systems ("OSS") for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., now Verizon-Virginia Inc. ("Verizon"). Pursuant to the Commission's directives, on May 31, 2000, the Project Leader adopted a Master Test Plan. Nonetheless, at Verizon's request, testing has been delayed awaiting implementation of Verizon's new billing system.

On September 29, 2000, Verizon requested a modification to the Master Test Plan. In its request, Verizon proposes "to remove from the Virginia test a number of low or declining volume products that were not included in the successful Texas test."<sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that with the requested modification to the Master Test Plan, testing could begin on or about the first of November 2000.

Consequently, this ruling seeks comments from interested persons concerning Verizon's requested modification to the Master Test Plan. Persons that disagree with Verizon's assessment of demand for the products it seeks to eliminate are asked to provide alternative actual or forecasted demand.

This ruling and a copy Verizon's requested modification to the Master Test Plan will be mailed and e-mailed to all parties that have indicated an interest in participating in Case No. PUC000035. The names of these persons and their e-mail addresses are included on the attached service list. For those persons who wish to review Verizon's requested modification and have not expressed an interest in participating in this case, a copy of this ruling and Verizon's requested modification will be made available on the Commission's website at [www.state.va.us/scc/division/puc/oss.htm](http://www.state.va.us/scc/division/puc/oss.htm). Copies may also be obtained directly from the Commission's Project Leader, Alexander Skirpan (804-371-9082). Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED** that interested persons may file any comments on Verizon's requested modification to the Master Test Plan with the Clerk of the Commission in writing, in an original and one (1) copy, within fifteen days from the date hereof. The mailing address to which any such filing must be sent is Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments should reference Case No. PUC000035. Interested persons also may

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<sup>1</sup> See, attached letter at 2, dated September 29, 2000, requesting a Modification to the Master Test Plan.

file an electronic copy of their comments with the Commission's Project Leader, via e-mail, at askirpan@scc.state.va.us. Any interested person filing comments shall attach a certificate to the foot of such document certifying that copies have been mailed, delivered, or sent via e-mail to all other interested persons listed below.

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Document Control Center is requested to mail or deliver a copy of this Ruling on

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