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**IN THE MATTER OF**

**VERIZON VIRGINIA, INC.**

**CASE NO. PUC-2002-00046**

**To verify compliance with the  
conditions set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)**

**HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**April 30, 2002**

On April 29, 2002, WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") filed a Motion to Compel ("Motion") responses by Verizon Virginia, Inc. ("Verizon") to data requests WorldCom propounded on April 24, 2002. Verizon filed its objections to WorldCom's data requests on April 26, 2002.

In its objections, Verizon makes several general objections and some specific objections to questions for which it nonetheless agrees to provide responses. Such objections and questions will not be addressed in this Ruling other than to find that Verizon should respond to such questions, with one exception, as required by the procedures established for this case. The one exception relates to WorldCom Request 13, which WorldCom has withdrawn.

On April 30, 2002, Verizon filed a response to WorldCom's Motion. Verizon's response will be taken into consideration as to the specific data requests discussed below.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure establish an extremely broad standard for discovery.

Interrogatories or requests for production of documents may relate to any matter not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved. . . . It is not grounds for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the hearing if the information appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.<sup>1</sup>

As to the specific data requests to which Verizon has not agreed to provide responses, I find as follows:

**WorldCom Request 2** – WorldCom's Motion is granted as to information in Verizon's possession and relied upon in preparing the Woltz Declaration. Verizon will not be required to conduct a search of the Commission's files.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-260.

**WorldCom Request 3** – WorldCom’s Motion is granted. Verizon should provide an updated list of active CLECs to reflect its latest available information. Verizon is not required to determine the reason or cause for changes in its list of active CLECs.

**Accordingly**, Verizon is directed to provide responses as indicated above in a timely manner. Responses to the original requests were due within seven calendar days. For purposes of calculating the due date for the responses directed by this Ruling, Verizon may subtract the days beginning with the filing of its objection and ending with the filing of this Ruling.

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Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.

Hearing Examiner