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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

May 7, 2002

On May 6, 2002, Starpower Communications, LLC ("Starpower") filed a Motion for Leave to File Late Notice of Intent to Participate ("Motion"). In its Motion, Starpower acknowledged that pursuant to Commission Order dated March 20, 2002, parties were directed to file a Notice of Intent to Participate on or before April 12, 2002. However, Starpower stated that it only recently determined the nature of its interest in this proceeding. Furthermore, Starpower declared that it accepts the status of the record as it currently stands and that it does not intend to submit testimony or otherwise delay or prejudice other parties.

Verizon Virginia, Inc. filed no response to Starpower's Motion. Starpower's participation appears to be on a going-forward basis. No party should be prejudiced by permitting Starpower to enter the case at this time. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED that Starpower's Motion is granted and its Notice of Intent to Participate is hereby accepted for filing.

Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
Hearing Examiner