



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 01-20

January 12, 2001

Notice of Investigation

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), on its own motion, has opened an investigation into the appropriate pricing, based upon Total Element Long Run Incremental Costs, for unbundled network elements and combinations of unbundled network elements to be charged by Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon"), as well as the Appropriate Avoided Cost Discount for Verizon's Resale Services, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To that end, this investigation will be divided into two parts: (1) Part A will concern the development of new TELRIC-based UNE rates (both recurring and non-recurring); and Part B will concern the development of a new avoided cost discount. Both Parts will begin at the same time and run on parallel tracks. Part A will be divided into two phases: (1) Phase I will consider the appropriate TELRIC model; Phase II will review the appropriate inputs to that model.

The Department invites all interested persons who are substantially and specifically affected by the issues under investigation to petition to intervene in this proceeding. Petitions to intervene in this docket must be filed with the Secretary of the Department at the following address by 5:00 P.M. on January 31, 2001:

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
RE: D.T.E. 01-20
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

All petitions to intervene are to be submitted by electronic mail to Tina.Chin@state.ma.us and dte.efiling@state.ma.us, in addition to filing the petitions in writing to the above address.

In addition, the Department hereby begins Part A, Phase I, and Part B by informing interested persons, who successfully petition to intervene, that they may file, in hard copy and floppy disc format, with the Department at the above address, proposed TELRIC models for calculating UNE rates and proposed avoided cost studies for calculating the wholesale discount. Any intervenor so filing must do so within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of the Department's Vote and Order to Open Investigation, or by February 12, 2001. Intervenors proposing TELRIC models that require substantial computing capacity to operate shall furnish the Department with the appropriate computer equipment at the time of filing of the proposed models so that the Department may adequately review such models.

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The Department will hold a procedural conference on February 8, 2001, beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the Department's offices, to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly conduct of the investigation, and, if necessary, to further define the scope of the proceeding. The Department intends for this proceeding to be conducted as an "adjudicatory proceeding," as defined in G.L. c. 30A, s. 1(1).

By Order of the Department,



MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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Consent Communication #17

A communication was received from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of an investigation into the appropriate pricing, for unbundled network elements and combinations of unbundled network elements to be charged by Verizon as well as the Appropriate Avoided Cost Discount for Verizon's Resale Services and a procedural conference will be held on February 8, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at One South Station, Second Floor, Boston, MA.

In City Council January 22, 2001

*Referred to the
City Manager*