

is pending before the Commission, the subject matter of that complaint will not constitute a basis for discontinuance of service. Based on that rule, and on the allegations found in Socket's complaint, the Commission will order Verizon to continue to provide service to Socket during the pendency of the complaint.

Since this complaint was filed only two days before the threatened discontinuance of service, Verizon has not yet had an opportunity to respond to Socket's motion. However, Section 386.310.1 gives the Commission the authority to waive the requirement for notice and hearing and immediately issue an order in any case in which the Commission determines that the failure to do so would result in the likelihood of imminent threat of serious harm to life or property. Socket's complaint indicates that Verizon has threatened to discontinue service to Socket, resulting in a potential disruption of service to Socket's customers. That is a threat of serious harm to property that justifies immediate action by the Commission.

Verizon has been ordered to file a response to Socket's complaint by July 16. If it believes that the Commission's order to continue providing service should be lifted before Socket's complaint is resolved, Verizon may file a motion requesting relief at any time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services shall continue to provide services to Socket Telecom, LLC, while Socket's complaint is pending before the Commission.

2. This order shall become effective on June 16, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of June, 2006.