

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, )  
L.L.C. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services )  
for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with ) **Case No. TO-2008-0037**  
Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Embarq Under Section )  
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

**ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND DIRECTING**  
**THE FILING OF STATUS REPORTS**

Issue Date: October 9, 2007

Effective Date: October 9, 2007

On August 8, 2007,<sup>1</sup> MCImetro Access Transmission Service, L.L.C. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (“Verizon Access”) filed its petition for arbitration with the Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 386.230, RSMo 2000, 4 CSR 240-2 and 4 CSR 240-36. The Commission issued notice, held its initial arbitration meeting and established a procedural schedule for the hearing and issuance of its final order.

On October 5, approximately two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing, the parties jointly filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule. The parties represent that they have reached tentative agreement to resolve matters by adopting another interconnection agreement. The parties further state that they are now in the process of taking the necessary steps to present that agreement to the Commission. Should the new agreement be approved by the Commission, then Verizon Access will be able to dismiss its petition.

The Commission finds the parties’ request to be reasonable and shall grant it. However, given the short time-table allowed for arbitration, the Commission shall direct the

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<sup>1</sup> All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2007 unless otherwise noted.

parties to file reports to keep the Commission and the Arbitrator informed on the status of this proceeding.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The procedural schedule in this matter, adopted on September 6, 2007 and amended on September 11, 2007, is hereby indefinitely suspended.

2. The suspension of the procedural schedule includes all actions related to pending discovery requests.

3. The parties shall jointly file monthly status reports apprising the Commission and the Arbitrator of the status of their newly negotiated interconnection agreement. The first report shall be due on November 1, 2007.

4. Should the Commission deny approving the currently proposed interconnection agreement, or should the parties' positions change with regard to the new agreement, the parties shall immediately file an additional status report to appraise the Commission and the Arbitrator if there is a need to proceed with arbitration.

5. This order shall become effective on October 9, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 9th day of October, 2007.