

# 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 SCHEDULING INITIAL ARBITRATION MEETING**

Issue Date: August 23, 2007

Effective Date: August 23, 2007

On August 8, 2007, 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 petition asks the Commission to arbitrate issues related to Verizon Access's negotiation of an interconnection agreement with Embarq Missouri, Inc. ("Embarq").

The federal Telecommunications Act requires that this arbitration be completed not later than 9 months after the date on which the local exchange carrier received the request for negotiation.<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-36.040(24) requires the Commission to issue its final decision resolving all issues no later than the two-hundred seventieth day following the request. In its petition for arbitration, Verizon Access states that it initiated negotiations on March 1. Consequently, the Commission must issue its final decision no later than November 26.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. 252(b)(4).

Due to the relatively short amount of time available for this arbitration, the arbitrator will schedule an initial arbitration meeting for August 29. At this initial meeting, the parties will be expected to propose a procedural schedule that will allow this arbitration to proceed smoothly and in the time allowed by statute and rule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That an initial arbitration meeting will be held on August 29, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the meeting.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 23, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 23rd day of August, 2007.