

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6012

Generic Investigation Into the Transition)
from Regulation to Competition for Public)
Telephone Services in Vermont)

Order entered: 11/2/2000

STATUS CONFERENCE REPORT
AND NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

I. Introduction

A status conference was held in this docket on October 26, 2000. In addition to the Department of Public Service ("DPS"), represented by Leslie A. Cadwell, Esq., the following companies were represented: Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Vermont, by Cecelia Roudiez, Esq.; and nine independent telephone companies, including Shoreham Telephone Company, Topsham Telephone Company, Northfield Telephone Company, Perkinsville Telephone Company, Ludlow Telephone Company, Franklin Telephone Company, Northland Telephone, Vermont Telephone, and Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company d/b/a Waitsfield Telecom and d/b/a Champlain Valley Telecom.

The purpose of the status conference was to discuss the need to revisit the issue of public interest payphones, as ordered by the Public Service Board ("Board") in its Order of September 22, 1998. At the status conference, the DPS indicated that it needed additional time to gather data regarding the current distribution of payphones, after which it would file a report with the Board with a recommendation as to the need for a public interest payphone program. If the DPS determines that a public interest payphone program is needed, it will include in its report a detailed proposal for such a program, including a possible funding mechanism.

II. Schedule

The DPS will file its report with the Board and all parties by December 14, 2000.

III. Notice of Status Conference

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 8,10 and 209, a status conference to discuss the DPS's proposal will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 9:30 A.M., at the Public Service Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of November, 2000.

s/Peter B. Meyer

Peter B. Meyer
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: November 2, 2000

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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