

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 5713

Investigation into New England Telephone and)
Telegraph Company's (NET's) tariff filing re:)
Open Network Architecture, including)
the unbundling of NET's network, expanded)
interconnection, and intelligent networks in re:)
Phase II, Module 2 – Cost Studies)

Order entered: 4/25/2000

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: COST COMPLIANCE ISSUES

On March 29, 2000, I met with the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"), AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. ("AT&T") and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company d/b/a BellAtlantic-Vermont ("the Company" or "BA-VT") and discussed, via a telephone conference call, a procedural path for addressing remaining compliance issues. We agreed that AT&T and the Company should meet during the 1st week of April to resolve (or attempt to resolve) the problem areas between AT&T's and the Company's costing approaches. We also agreed that the Company and AT&T should notify me of any progress and, to the extent that differences still remain, to identify the remaining issues. On April 14, 2000, the Company informed me that AT&T and BA-VT agreed on a compromise proposal that resolved all but one of the "disputed issues concerning the mapping of BA-VT's nonrecurring cost elements."¹ On the one remaining unresolved issue, AT&T "reserves judgment on this issue pending BA-VT's completion of its compliance filing." In light of this information, I conclude that the Company can and should make its compliance filing on nonrecurring costs. Any remaining disputes, to the extent any exist, can be addressed after the filing is made.

The Company, however, also requested that the due date for the filing of revised nonrecurring costs and Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions revisions be set at May 25, 2000. Neither the Department nor AT&T objected to this request. The request is granted.

SO ORDERED.

1. Letter to J. Riley Allen, Hearing Officer, from Gregory M. Kennan, Esq. 4/14/00.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of April, 2000.

s/J. Riley Allen
J. Riley Allen
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 25, 2000

Attest: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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