

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 1 – Compliance Issues)

Order entered: 7/6/99

ORDER RE: PHASE II-MODULE 1 COMPLIANCE ISSUES:
INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION AND DIRECTORY INFORMATIONAL PAGES

On January 28, 1999, New England Telephone & Telegraph Company d/b/a/ Bell Atlantic-Vermont ("BAVT" or "Company") filed, in compliance with the Board's Order of August 20, 1997, its Equal Access Cost Recovery Charge ("EACRC") true-up analysis. Thereafter, I asked that parties wishing to file comments on that analysis do so by

February 12th.¹ No comments were filed. Since the analysis showed that the costs to be recovered were lower, and would be collected sooner, than had been anticipated, BAVT recommended that the Board need take no action on the filing. In consideration of the analysis and the absence of parties' comments, I concur and recommend that the Board accept the Company's submission.

In its Order of August 10, 1998, the Board directed BAVT to prepare and file a revised study of the time its service representatives need to process a manual LPIC change.² On February 10, 1999, BAVT filed the new study. By substituting the new outputs from that study into its LPIC-pricing algorithm, the Company calculates that the cost of a manual LPIC-change is approximately \$2.10 per change. This cost is significantly lower than that originally used to calculate an overall cost of LPIC-changes (a weighted average of the costs of manual and automated changes) and,

1. Letter from the Clerk of the Board, 1/29/99.

2. LPIC stands for *intraLATA presubscribed interexchange carrier*.

consequently, the \$2.20 LPIC-change charge that the Board previously approved should also be reduced.³ A recalculation of the costs shows that an overall LPIC-change charge of \$1.75 per change is appropriate.⁴ I recommend that the Board approve this new price. No other changes to the LPIC tariff are needed.⁵

Lastly, on April 2, 1999, BAVT filed and seeks approval of "a schedule of terms, conditions, and prices for space to be made available to CLECs (including BAVT itself) in the informational pages of its Vermont directories."⁶ No party has filed comments opposing the Company's proposal. I recommend that the Board approve it. It should, in essence, be treated as a tariff: that is, it should remain in effect until changed by Board order. The Company or, for that matter, any person with standing is free to petition the Board to review the schedule at any time.

This proposal for decision has been served on all parties to this proceeding, in accordance with 3 V.S.A. § 811.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of June, 1999.

s/ Frederick W. Weston, III
Frederick W. Weston, III
Hearing Officer

3. Order of 8/10/98 at 22.

4. BAVT Letter, 2/10/99, at 2. On May 5, 1999, I served a proposal for decision on all parties. In it, I stated that the BAVT study resulted in a \$2.10 charge for LPIC changes. In a letter dated May 17, 1999, Bell Atlantic graciously informed me that the cost of a *manual* LPIC change is \$2.10, and that the overall weighted average cost of an LPIC change is about \$1.75. On May 21st, AT&T Communication of New England, Inc., filed a response, urging the Board to reduce the LPIC-change fee to \$1.75, and three days later the Department of Public Service filed a letter in support of that recommendation. This revised proposal for decision corrects my earlier error.

5. For example, the charge should continue to be waived when an LPIC-change is performed in conjunction with the change of a customer's interLATA presubscribed interexchange carrier.

6. Order of 2/4/99 at 126.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The Hearing Officer's conclusions and recommendations are adopted.
2. Bell Atlantic-Vermont's Equal Access Cost Recovery Charge true-up analysis is accepted as filed.
3. Bell Atlantic-Vermont's service representatives' time study is accepted as filed. The LPIC-change charge shall be \$1.75 per change.
4. Bell Atlantic-Vermont's schedule of terms, conditions, and prices for space to be made available to competitive local exchange companies, and to BAVT itself, in the informational pages of the Company's Vermont directories is approved.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 6th day of July, 1999.

<u>s/ Michael H. Dworkin</u>	)	
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<u>s/ Suzanne D. Rude</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 6, 1999

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

Notice to Readers: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board of any technical errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made.

Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.