

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 5566

Generic Investigation Into)
the Regulation of Public)
Telephone and Operator)
Services Providers in Vermont)

Order entered: 4/29/92

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: INTERVENTION
AND SCHEDULING

On March 24, 1992, a procedural order was issued in this docket setting filing deadlines of April 17, 1992, for motions to intervene, and April 23, 1992, for objections. First Phone of New England, Inc. (First Phone), Apollo Communications Inc. (Apollo), Contel of Vermont, Inc. d/b/a GTE - Vermont (GTE) and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company (NET) all filed motions to intervene and served copies of their motions to all persons on the service list. No objections to these motions have been filed and they are all granted.

A letter requesting permission to intervene was also filed by a Mr. Michael Bradford, apparently on behalf of Pay Phones Plus, although the letter was written on stationery of Hospitality Communications Group. Although Mr. Bradford's letter asserts that "Pay Phones Plus has a substantial interest in the public telephone and operator services business in Vermont" that would not be adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding, it does not explain what that interest is. Nor does it give any basic information regarding Pay Phones Plus' business status, i.e., how it is organized (corporation, partnership, etc.), what its relationship is to Hospitality Communications Group, whether it is registered and authorized to do business in Vermont and, if so, what services it provides. It also appears that Pay Phones Plus' letter was not served on the persons on the service list and, therefore, that these persons do not have notice of the motion.

For all of these reasons and, particularly, because the letter fails to explain what Pay Phones Plus' interest in this proceeding is and how it will be affected by the outcome of this docket, its request to intervene is denied. See Board Rule 2.209. Pay Phones Plus will, however, be given an

extension of time until May 5 within which to file an amended motion spelling out all of the requisite information. The motion shall be served on all parties on the service list. The parties will have until May 8 to file objections.

The parties (and Pay Phones Plus) should also note that, as stated in the March 23 Order, the deadline for filing position statements is May 1. As discussed at the workshop held in this docket on April 13, 1992, responses to the position statements must be filed on or before May 15. Thereafter, a status conference may be held and a scheduling order will be issued.

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DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of April, 1992.

s/Sharon Appel
Sharon Appel, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: April 29, 1992

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