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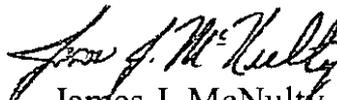
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on January 16, 2004 has adopted an Opinion and Order in the above-entitled proceeding.

An Opinion and Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

  
James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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See attached list for additional  
parties of record

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held January 16, 2004

**Commissioners Present:**

Terrance J. Fitzpatrick, Chairman  
Robert K. Bloom, Vice Chairman  
Glen R. Thomas  
Kim Pizzingrilli  
Wendell F. Holland

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**OPINION AND ORDER**

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**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Before the Commission for consideration are the following pleadings filed in response to our Order entered December 18, 2003, in the above-captioned proceeding. On January 2, 2004, Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. (Verizon PA) filed a Petition for Reconsideration (Petition). On or about January 13, 2004, the Pennsylvania Carrier's Coalition (PCC), and ARC Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway Communications Corp. and Metropolitan Telecommunications Corporation of PA, filed Answers to the Petition (PCC Answer). On or about January 13, 2004, MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc. (MCI) filed an Answer to the Verizon PA Petition (MCI Answer). In response to the MCI Answer, Verizon PA filed a Motion to Strike (Motion to Strike).

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, Pa. R.A.P. Rule 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought, or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed. The thirty-day period within which the Commission must act upon this Petition for Reconsideration in order to preserve jurisdiction, is January 20, 2004. Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. Rule 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Verizon PA Petition. Our grant of reconsideration pending review of and consideration on the merits should not be construed as a predisposition to the merits of any contention raised in these pleadings. Additionally, we shall address the Verizon PA Motion to Strike in our further consideration of this matter; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:** That the Petition for Reconsideration or Modification of the Commission's December 18, 2003 Order filed by Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. on January 2, 2004, is granted, pending review of, and consideration on, the merits.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: January 16, 2004

ORDER ENTERED: **JAN 21 2004**