

**To:** Pennsylvania Carrier to Carrier Working Group  
**From:** Christy Appleby  
**Date:** November 26, 2003  
**Re:** 11-13-03 PA Carrier Working Group Meeting Minutes

**Present:** John Curry-Curry Communications; Mike Clancy- Covad; Julie Canny-Verizon; Paul Rich-Verizon; Jenny Ross-Verizon; John Hunt-DCI; Joelle Sinclair- Penn Telecom; Haygood Bellinger- DCI; Rick Stubbs- Cavalier; Dennis Hosler- PUC; Joe Witmer-PUC; Dale Kirkwood-PUC; Lou Maza- PUC; Joe Bloss- AT&T; Louis Agro-Verizon; Christy Appleby-OCA

## **1. Introductions and Attendance at this meeting**

The minutes were sent out in their entirety to the e-mail list. Verizon stated that they would edit the abridged version. A suggestion was made about having an unabridged and an abridged version. John Curry will work with Verizon about putting the minutes on the web. He will send the unedited minutes to all who have signed the waiver. He will keep the current e-mail addresses. Verizon suggested circulation by e-mail before to see if there are any corrections.

A correction was made to the 10/07/03 meeting minutes. The last meeting of the DL/WP sub-group was after the 9/04/03 PA Carrier to Carrier Working Group meeting.

## **2. Purpose and Guidelines and Agreement**

There were no new participants.

## **3. PA PUC Website**

An item was raised about updating at least the agendas for the August 5, September 4 and October 7 meetings. The link to the NY PSC website should also be activated.

The Law Bureau stated that Cindy Page is the best person to send web updates to. A Law Bureau staff person should be carbon copied. It was suggested that Cathy Royer could coordinate. One contact should be sufficient. The Law Bureau does not handle postings. He suggested cc'ing either Dale Kirkwood or Dennis Hosler and noting that on the e-mail. We

should also carbon copy Louise Fink Smith on it. We should let her know that we want a website posted.

#### **4. Verizon Website**

##### **WISE Update**

No issues were raised.

#### **5. New York PSC Website**

A question was asked about the NY PSC website notation under the Best Metrics Subcommittee regarding the status of the item relating to the OR-6-04 metric. A question was also asked about whether that had to do with directory listings. The response was that the New York group is looking for a potential replacement metric. They are only in the preliminary stages. It is a straight order accuracy metric. It is a comparison of the LSR to the CSR.

#### **6. NY CWG Proposals and Discussions**

##### **a. Billing Update- status of NY action**

On October 29, 2003 the New York Public Service Commission issued its Order. The Commission ruled on nine consensus items. Verizon raised the issue that under the PMO II Order, Verizon is obligated to give notice within ten days of the New York Order. Verizon filed a letter on Monday, October 10, 2003 and copied the letter to the Carrier to Carrier Working Group with a copy of the approved Order. The second step that is needed: within fifteen days after the notice, the parties would give comments about whether the proposal should be adopted in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania process is not really workable. They have not yet updated the Pennsylvania Guidelines. They only have the New York Guidelines revisions today.

Previously, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter establishing a procedural schedule. Verizon proposed submitted the draft with the New York to Pennsylvania revisions

and then having a Carrier to Carrier Working Group meeting to discuss the changes. Then, a formal Comments and Reply Comments period would be set. Verizon would propose to have the Pennsylvania Guidelines by December 19, to be reviewed at the January 6 meeting. Comments would be scheduled for January 14. This is a similar timeline that other states have used. Virginia and Maryland are filing their local updates 30 days after the New York Compliance filing, or by December 13, 2003. Since that date is a Saturday, the due date would be December 15, 2003 in Virginia and Maryland. The Law Bureau drafted a Secretarial letter and circulated it to the Carrier Working Group for comments for action as soon as possible.

**The January 6, 2004 meeting will be a face-to-face meeting instead of having a face-to-face meeting in February.**

**b. Statistics Update- status of NY action**

Updates to Appendix K were made as a result of the New York action. It was mostly a rewrite of the previous appendix. The NY PSC extended the use of permutation testing for an average measure of sample sizes. It was one of the consensus items from New York.

**c. Naming Conventions (suggested by PA CWG that issue be mentioned in NY) - status of NY action**

Verizon stated that there was a footer on every page with the effective date and the Order that the guidelines are based on.

**d. VZ Response to software glitch**

Verizon described the "software glitch" discussed in the Newsday article. The issue was only with FCC updates. It did not impact any of the other states. It related to measured variables which are 14 out of 151 metrics and only those with a small sample size. The glitch was at the second decimal of the Z score. The issue was identified in August 2001. At the end result, there

were three errors. No dollars were impacted. This was also on different software. Verizon's current software used in PA does not contain the bad assumption. They discussed the issue with the FCC and the FCC did not require Verizon to re-file. It only occurred to three measures out of those reported. The vendor affected did re-calculate the stat tests.

**e. Anything else is pending in NY CWG?**

Nothing else is pending.

**7. Third-party Review and Transition Oversight Update**

DCI is in the drafting stages. The staff expects a draft update by the following week. At the last meeting, DCI was about four weeks behind. Due to their additional efforts, DCI and the Commission did a contract addendum, adding 20% or \$200,000 to the contract. Their projected timeline is to have comments to Verizon by Christmas. The Staff and DCI will need to go through it before the final report. That probably will not be until early January. It will be along the lines of a management audit. The report will have the consultant recommendations, and the Company can have the opportunity to respond about why they will implement the recommendations or about why they disagree with the recommendation. The target date for release to the public is the February 12 public meeting.

**8. DL/WP Sub Committee**

The minutes were corrected as stated above. A meeting of the group was not held between the last PA CWG meeting and this meeting. Verizon stated that they would like to meet with Staff before another DL/WP Sub committee meeting is scheduled.

**9. PA Carrier-to-Carrier Reports**

No discussion was held.

**10. PA PAP Reports**

No discussion was held.

**11. Access to VZ Algorithms Update**

**a. Status Update**

This is still an issue. It is being worked on in the NY CWG Replication group.

**b. CLEC access to CMAs**

No further discussion was held.

**c. Update on intellectual property issues**

No further discussion was held.

**12. FCC's Triennial review order**

There have been a lot of meetings. They are trying to resolve the metrics issue in a collaborative.

**13. GTE Merger OSS (July 1, 2003)**

The Change Management Notification has gone out. The Erie LATA pilot will be completed as of May 15, 2004. Eighty percent of the access lines must be converted by June 30, 2004. After that, the rest of the state should be done by July 17, 2004 to bring it up to 100% conversion.

**14. Metrics Restatement Issues (Month over Month reports August 3, 2003)**

**Is or where may middle ground from AT&T's proposal and Verizon counter proposal?**

The Verizon proposal was presented two meetings ago in a PowerPoint presentation. It was sent out to the group on September 3, 2003. AT&T to present objections to Staff.

**Note: Jenny Ross will no longer be participating in the Pennsylvania Carrier to Carrier Working Group.**

**Note: The UNE Order had been issued the morning of the meeting. The Law Bureau brought this to the attention of the group.**

**Next Meeting**

December 2, 2003. 11:00 am