

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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CTC Communications Corp.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. EB-02-MDIC-0001
)	
Verizon New England, Inc. and)	
Verizon New York, Inc.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Adopted: August 22, 2002

Released: August 27, 2002

By the Deputy Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. On January 9, 2002, pursuant to section 1.716 of the Commission rules,¹ CTC Communications Corp. (“CTC”) filed an informal complaint against defendants Verizon New England, Inc. and Verizon New York, Inc. (collectively “Verizon”) in the above-captioned matter. On February 27, 2002, Verizon filed a report pursuant to section 1.717 of the Commission’s rules² denying the allegations in CTC’s informal complaint. Pursuant to section 1.718 of the Commission’s rules,³ CTC was required to convert its informal complaint into a formal complaint within six months from the date of Verizon’s report to ensure that the formal complaint related back to the January 9, 2002, filing date of the informal complaint.

2. Since the filing of the informal complaint, CTC and Verizon have engaged in negotiations to resolve the issues alleged in the informal complaint.⁴ As a result, the parties believe that a settlement may be achieved if they have a further period of time to resolve the remaining issues.⁵ Accordingly, CTC

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.716.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.717.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.718.

⁴ Consent Motion For Extension of Time to File Formal Complaint, *CTC Communications Corp. v. Verizon New England, Inc., et. al*, File No. EB-02-MDIC-0001 (filed Aug. 22, 2002) (*Consent Motion*), at 1.

⁵ *Consent Motion* at 1.

requests a waiver of section 1.718 of the Commission's rules and an additional extension of time until September 27, 2002, to convert its informal complaint against Verizon into a formal complaint, if necessary.⁶ Verizon supports CTC's request.⁷

3. We are satisfied that granting CTC's consent motion will serve the public interest by promoting the private resolution of disputes and by postponing the need for further litigation and expenditure of further time and resources of the parties and of this Commission until such time as may actually be necessary.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 208, and sections 1.3 and 1.718 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.3, 1.718, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that CTC Communications, Inc.'s Consent Motion For Extension of Time To File Formal Complaint IS GRANTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise extended by order, the deadlines that would otherwise apply under section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.718 are hereby waived, and the date on which CTC Communications Corp. must convert its informal complaint against Verizon New England, Inc. and Verizon New York, Inc., into a formal complaint pursuant to section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.718, is extended to September 27, 2002.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁶ *Consent Motion* at 2.

⁷ *Id.*