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Verizon's Request For Permission to Withdraw Its Petition Is Granted

CCB/CPD No. 99-21

On April 19, 2002, Verizon Communications Corporation (Verizon) filed a Request for Permission to Withdraw its May 24, 1999 petition to initiate switched access facilities management services.¹ Verizon states that since it filed its petition the Commission adopted its order in the access charge reform proceeding that, among other things, established a framework for pricing flexibility for switched transport services, and instituted rules that allowed the price cap carriers to introduce new switched access rate elements without the need for a petition.² Verizon states that, in light of these developments, it has decided to withdraw its petition. The Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau has reviewed and hereby approves Verizon's request to withdraw its petition. Accordingly, the proceeding designated as CCB/CPD No. 99-21 is closed.

Action by the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

For further information, contact Lenworth Smith, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1530.

¹ The Petition was filed by Bell Atlantic, which merged to form Verizon. The Verizon telephone companies are the affiliated local telephone companies of Verizon Communications Corporation.

² See *Access Charge Reform*, CC Docket No. 96-262, Fifth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 14 FCC Rcd 14221 (1999).