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May 8, 2001

Kelly G. Ramsey Vice President Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc. d/b/a Ramcell of Kentucky 1527 South Main Street London, KY 40741

Re: Requested Adoption Under Section 252(i) of the TA96

Dear Kelly G. Ramsey:

Verizon South Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon"), has received your letter stating that, under Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc., d/b/a Ramcell of Kentucky ("Ramcell") wishes to adopt the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between Nextel West Corp. ("Nextel") and Verizon that was approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") as an effective agreement in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as such agreement exists on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law (the "Terms"). I understand Ramcell has a copy of the Terms. Please note the following with respect to Ramcell's adoption of the Terms.

- 1. By Ramcell's countersignature on this letter, Ramcell hereby represents and agrees to the following three points:
  - (A) Ramcell adopts (and agrees to be bound by) the Terms of the Nextel West Corp./Verizon agreement for interconnection as it is in effect on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law, and in applying the Terms, agrees that Ramcell shall be substituted in place of Nextel West Corp. and Nextel in the Terms wherever appropriate.
  - (B) Notice to Ramcell and Verizon as may be required under the Terms shall be provided as follows:

To: Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc., d/b/a Ramcell of Kentucky

Attention: Kelly G. Ramsey, Vice President

6915 Harrodsburg Road Nicholasville, KY 40356

Telephone number: 859-885-5500 FAX number: 859-881-5497

## To Verizon:

Director-Contract Performance & Administration Verizon Wholesale Markets 600 Hidden Ridge HQEWMNOTICES Irving. TX 75038

Telephone Number: 972-718-5988 Facsimile Number: 972-719-1519

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## with a copy to:

Vice President and Associate General Counsel Verizon Wholesale Markets 1320 N. Court House Road 8th Floor Arlington, VA 22201 Facsimile: 703/974-0744

- (C) Ramcell represents and warrants that it is a FCC-licensed provider of twoway wireless service in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and that its adoption of the Terms will cover services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky only.
- 2. Ramcell's adoption of the Nextel Terms shall become effective upon the date of filing of this adoption letter with the Commission (which filing Verizon will promptly make upon receipt of an original of this letter countersigned by Ramcell) and remain in effect no longer than the date the Nextel/Verizon agreement terminates. The Nextel/Verizon agreement is currently scheduled to terminate on September 2, 2001. Thus, the Terms adopted by Ramcell also shall terminate on that date.
- 3. As the Terms are being adopted by you pursuant to your statutory rights under section 252(i), Verizon does not provide the Terms to you as either a voluntary or negotiated agreement. The filing and performance by Verizon of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by Verizon of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by Verizon of all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of Ramcell's 252(i) election.

- 4. On January 25, 1999, the Supreme Court of the United States ("Court") issued its decision on the appeals of the Eighth Circuit's decision in *Iowa Utilities Board*. Specifically, the Supreme Court modified several of the FCC's and the Eighth Circuit's rulings regarding unbundled network elements and pricing requirements under the Act. *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 119 S. Ct. 721 (1999). Certain provisions of the Terms may be void or unenforceable as a result of the Court's decision of January 25, 1999, the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Docket No. 96-3321 regarding the FCC's pricing rules, and the current appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the FCC's new UNE rules. Moreover, nothing herein shall be construed as or is intended to be a concession or admission by Verizon that any provision in the Terms complies with the rights and duties imposed by the Act, the decisions of the FCC and the Commissions, the decisions of the courts, or other law, and Verizon expressly reserves its full right to assert and pursue claims arising from or related to the Terms.
- 5. Verizon reserves the right to deny Ramcell's adoption and/or application of the Terms, in whole or in part, at any time:
  - (a) when the costs of providing the Terms to Ramcell are greater than the costs of providing them to Nextel;
  - (b) if the provision of the Terms to Ramcell is not technically feasible; and/or
  - (c) to the extent that Verizon otherwise is not required to make the Terms available to Ramcell under applicable law.
- 6. For avoidance of doubt, please note that adoption of the Terms will not result in reciprocal compensation payments for Internet traffic. Verizon never intended for reciprocal compensation to be paid for Internet traffic in the underlying agreement, and has always taken the position that reciprocal compensation was not due to be paid for Internet traffic in the underlying agreement nor under applicable law. Verizon's position that reciprocal compensation is not to be paid for Internet traffic under the Terms was confirmed by the FCC in the Order on Remand and Report and Order adopted on April 18, 2001, which held that Internet traffic constitutes "information access" outside the scope of the reciprocal compensation obligations set forth in section 251(b)(5) of the Act. <sup>1</sup>
- 7. Should Ramcell attempt to apply the Terms in a manner that conflicts with paragraphs 3-6 above, Verizon reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

Please arrange for a duly authorized representative of Ramcell to sign this letter in the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matters of: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 99-68 (rel. April 27, 2001) ¶44.

Sincerely,
VERIZON SOUTH INC.
Steven J. Pitterle Director – Negotiations Network Services
Reviewed and countersigned as to points A, B, and C of paragraph 1: CELLULAR PHONE OF KENTUCKY, INC. D/B/A RAMCELL OF KENTUCKY
(SIGNATURE)
(PRINT NAME)
c: Renee Ragsdale – Verizon