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Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC  
Attention: C. Kent Hatfield  
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Re: MCI Metro, et al (Verizon)  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 4/24/09  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2007-00503

Dear Mr. Hatfield:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on April 24, 2009 on behalf of MCI Metro, et al (Verizon) to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as information contained in its Responses to the Commission's 1<sup>st</sup> Data Request Nos. 4, 5 and 6 dated 3/30/09. The information is described as (Nos. 5 and 6) including ARPM calculations for Kentucky and other states; and (No. 4) Verizon's year by year listing of total subscribers to stand-alone long distance services. Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Verizon's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information you seek to keep confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Verizon's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Verizon is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record