

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 03-29 February 21, 2003
Complaint of Global NAPS, Inc. Against Verizon for Denial of Issuance of Collocation Access Cards.

On January 13, 2003, Global NAPS, Inc. ("Global NAPS") filed a complaint with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") alleging that Global NAPS has been wrongfully denied the issuance of collocation access/identification cards by Verizon. Specifically, Global NAPS alleges that collocation access/identification cards are required for access to Global NAPS' equipment located in Verizon's facilities and that Verizon has unreasonably changed its requirements for card issuance. Verizon alleges that its requirements are reasonable, non-discriminatory, and in accordance with Federal Communications Commission rules. This matter has been docketed as D.T.E. 03-29.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on Global NAPS' complaint. The hearing will take place at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. A procedural conference is scheduled to follow immediately thereafter. The conference and responsive pleadings may be inspected at the Department's offices, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Any person wishing to submit comments in writing on the complaint in this docket should file comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110 by Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Any person wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell at the above address, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, March 21, 2003. In addition, all petitions to intervene are to be submitted by electronic mail to Heidi.Foley@state.ma.us. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Absent by the Department, a not making a constitutionally filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed to be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirement of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to Heidi.Foley@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 03-29); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the documents (e.g., Comments or Petition to Intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either WordPerfect format (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word format (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/DOE>.

By Order of the Department,
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
February 28, 2003