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Deadline for Comments on Negotiated Interconnection Agreements

Negotiated interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Department for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The Department may approve or reject an agreement (with written findings as to any deficiencies) within 90 days of its filing. *Id.* § 252(e)(4). The Department may only reject an agreement arrived at through negotiation if it finds that:

- (1) the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or
- (2) the implementation of the agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Upon filing of a negotiated agreement by Verizon, all interested persons are hereby informed that they have 30 days in which to file written comments with the Department. If an interested person recommends that the Department reject an agreement, that interested person should specify in detail how the agreement is deficient under federal or state law. The Department intends to allow negotiated agreements to go into effect 30 days after filing unless the Department determines, based on opposition to the agreement or the Department's review, that the agreement does not meet the above standards.

Persons interested in commenting on an agreement may file written comments with:

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Reply comments may be filed within 10 days of any opposition.