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RE: Docket 07-00181: Petition of Vertex Communications, Inc. to Transfer its Customer Base to dPi Teleconnect, LLC

In order to fully analyze the above-referenced *Petition*, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") requires additional information. Please provide the information requested by August 21, 2007, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 1 in the response.

1. Have the Petitioners filed similar petitions or notices in other states? If so, provide a listing of states and action taken.
2. Have the Petitioners filed a similar petition with the FCC? If so, list any action taken and the associated docket number. If a schedule to complete the review of your petition has been established by the FCC, provide such with your response.
3. Provide the number of customers that Vertex Communications, Inc. ("Vertex") and dPi Teleconnect, LLC ("dPi") currently have in Tennessee.
4. Will any assets be transferred from Vertex to dPi as a result of the customer transfer?
5. Provide a copy of the contract between Vertex and dPi that governs the transfer of customers.
6. Provide the Authority with information about Vertex, including its principal place of business, the telecommunications services the company provides, states in which the company is authorized to provide telecommunications services and the name, address, telephone and fax number of a contact person.

7. Provide the Authority with information about dPi, including its principal place of business, telecommunications services the company provides, states in which the company is authorized to provide telecommunications services and the name, address, telephone and fax number of a contact person.
8. Provide a signed verification from both Petitioners, verifying that the information contained in the Petition is true and correct to their best knowledge, information, and belief.
9. Provide an explanation as to why the proposed transaction is in the public interest.
10. Explain how the Petitioners have complied with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(2) concerning customer notification letters.
11. Concerning TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(4), please explain how the customer notice attached to the Petition informs transferred customers that they will receive a thirty-day written notice of any rate increase that may affect their service up to ninety days from the date of the transfer.
12. As required by TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(1), provide a copy of the self-certification letter filed with the FCC as required in CC Docket No. 00-257.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call Carlos Black at 615-741-2904, ext. 196 or email him at carlos.black@state.tn.us. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies either by U.S. Mail or express mail. Alternatively, you may send the original and four (4) copies along with an electronic file to:

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Sincerely,



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