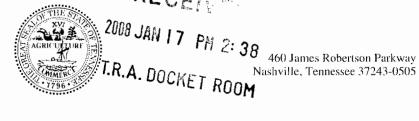
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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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 complete our review of the above-referenced *Petition*, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") requires additional information. Please provide the information requested by January 24, 2008, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 3 in the response.

- 1. Based upon the Purchase Agreement between dPi Teleconnect ("dPi") and Vertex Communications ("Vertex") it appears that dPi plans to acquire the Tennessee certificate of convenience and necessity of Vertex. To demonstrate technical, managerial, and financial qualifications to provide facilities-based telecommunications services, provide the information required by TRA Rule 1220-4-8-.04 for dPi. Information concerning compliance with this rule can be found at http://state.tn.us/tra/telecomfiles/clecpkg.pdf.
- 2. Provide a customer notification letter containing language compliant with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(d)(4).
- 3. It appears the dPi has already sent a customer notification letter. Please discuss compliance with the pre-approval provision of TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(d)(2).

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

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