

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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June 16, 2009

Mr. Lance JH. M. Steinhart, P.C.
Subject: dPi Teleconnect, LLC
1720 Windward Concourse, Suite 115
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

RE: *In the Matter of the Application of dPi Teleconnect, LLC for Certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, Docket No. 08-00114

Dear Mr. Steinhart:

After review of dPi Teleconnect, LLC's ("dPi") May 12, 2009, response to Data Request No. 1 dated March 16, 2009, the following information or clarification is required. Data Request No. 1 Questions needing additional information are identified below.

Question 1: Identify, by rate center, where in Tennessee dPi is currently providing local residential and business telecommunications services. Identify with each listed rate center whether services are provided by resale, by leased UNEs or both. Additionally, identify the number of lines where service is provided by UNE.

dPi's Response: dPi follows the provisioning wire centers of the Incumbent LEC. A LWC contract is in place with the Incumbent LEC and we will be using a combination of both Resale and UNE in all centers.

In addition to the Attached Exhibit 1 of the *Application* listing switch identification codes, dPi must provide a complete listing of rate centers where dPi is currently and/or is planning to provide services. With each rate center listed, identify the number of lines in use. (dPi has submitted a Wireline Activity Report showing counties and the number of lines shown as in service in each county listed, not each rate center.)

Question 2: Provide copies of, or instruction on where to locate dPi's current advertising of its services to Tennessee consumers. Further describe where the advertisements are being distributed and by what means.

dPi's Response: dPi Teleconnect service offerings can be viewed by logging on to our website at <http://dpiteleconnect.com>

You will also be able to find a payment/Vender location where our advertisements are distributed.

In dPi's *Application*, at ¶ 15, dPi states "dPi will announce and advertise...where it provides service...and will publicize the availability of Lifeline and Link-Up services in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for those services."

Provide copies and/or other information, other than a web site, detailing dPi's advertising of its Lifeline and Link Up service offerings as specified in dPi's tariff at 4.1.1.C and 5.1.1.C, and include where distribution is made and by what means.

Question 4: Explain dPi's method of access and/or local service switching. If switching is obtained from another carrier by lease, what are dPi's transition plans for facilities based switching if any.

dPi's Response: This is not applicable to the type of service provided by dPi.

Explain in full detail why access and/or local service switching is not applicable to dPi.

Question 5: Outline dPi's plans for ensuring its customers continue receiving telecommunications services should AT&T relinquish a particular service area and no carrier assumes such service area.

dPi's Response: dPi follows the Incumbents service areas. If AT&T relinquishes a particular service area and no other carrier assumes that area then we would no longer be able to service unless we are able to obtain a contact with a carrier which we could port the lines to.

In dPi's *Application* dPi states at ¶ 17 it "...is willing to accept carrier of last resort obligations throughout the universal service areas in which dPi is designated as an ETC..."

Provide detailed explanation of how dPi would be able to assume "carrier of last resort obligations," and why dPi would no longer be able to serve should AT&T relinquish an area.

Question 6: Describe dPi's plans for demonstrating to the Authority that for those Lifeline customers served via resale of another carrier's services, dPi is not receiving federal universal service Lifeline credit from the serving company and filing for credit with the Universal Service Administration Company.

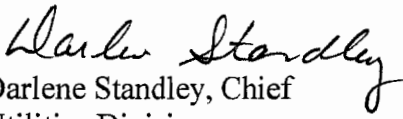
dPi's Response in part: "dPi has partnered with a third party Vendor for filing our 497s. With this partner we have created procedures that safe guard our information so this does not happen..."

Provide copies of past reports, communications and/or documents, as identified in dPi's response that will act as a "safeguard," ensuring dPi does not claim LifeLine subsidies from the universal service fund after receiving the same discounts from the ILEC.

Additionally, it is noted that the information provided by dPi indicates dPi is providing services only through resale of another carrier's services.¹ Describe, in detail, dPi's plans to convert resold services to, or begin offering services through, UNEs, using its own facilities or employing a combination of the two.

This information should be provided no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 6, 2009 with reference to Docket No. 08-00114 on the response. In accordance with Authority rules, submit either (1) thirteen written copies of your response or (2) four written copies and an electronic version. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lewis De Board at (615) 741-3939, Extension 219.

Sincerely,


Darlene Standley, Chief
Utilities Division

¹ May 12, 2009 response to Data Request No. 1, Attached April 2009 Wireline Activity Report.