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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
**Two Gateway Center**  
**Newark, NJ 07102**  
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF )  
WARWICK VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND )  
SERVICE ELECTRIC TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
UNDER SECTION 252 OF THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )

ORDER APPROVING  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. TO09121019

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

Kathryn Cancel for, WVT, Warwick, NY  
Joe Laffey for, Service Electric, Moosic, PA

BY THE BOARD<sup>1</sup>:

By letter dated December 24, 2010, Warwick Valley Telephone Company ("WVT") and Service Electric Telephone Company ("SETC") (individually, "a Party", and jointly, "the Parties"), pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (codified in scattered sections of 47 U.S.C. §151 *et seq.*) ("the Act"), submitted to the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") a joint application ("Application") for approval of a certain negotiated interconnection agreement dated June 1, 2009 ("the Agreement").

The Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and prices under which WVT will offer and provide access to unbundled network elements, ancillary services, and wholesale telecommunications services available for resale to SETC. The Agreement is in effect as noted in the Agreement and continues in full force and effect unless terminated as provided in the Agreement.

The Department of the Public Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") recommends that the Board approve the agreement. The agreement does not discriminate against other carriers and is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore recommended that the Board approve the Agreement.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(a)(1), an incumbent LEC may negotiate and enter into a binding interconnection agreement with a carrier requesting interconnection, service, or network elements. In addition, 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(1) requires approval by the Board of any

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Elizabeth Randall did not participate in this matter.

interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration, and further requires the Board to approve or reject the Agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies. The Act provides that the Board may reject a negotiated agreement or any portion thereof only if it finds that: (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. [47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A)].

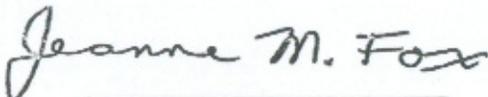
The Board's review of the Agreement and the record in this matter indicate that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and that the Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to the Agreement. Therefore, the Board FINDS that the Agreement meets the standards set forth in the Act, and HEREBY APPROVES the Agreement as presented by the Parties. This approval should not be construed as preapproval of any future petitions for rate recovery of costs incurred pursuant to the Agreement, nor shall the Board be bound by any provisions within the Agreement regarding the confidentiality of information.

The Board notes that amendments or modifications to Board-approved interconnection agreements are subject to Board review and approval. No agreement shall be read, nor does the Board believe the Parties to the Agreement intend that it be read, to limit the authority of the Board under Section 252(e) of the Act to review interconnection agreements. Accordingly, until and unless otherwise provided by the Board, subsequent amendments or modifications to the Agreement approved herein shall be subject to review and approval by the Board. Additionally, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(h), a copy of the Agreement will be made available for public inspection and copying within ten days of the issuance of this Order.

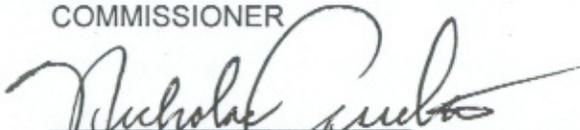
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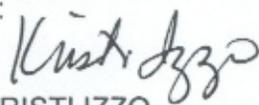
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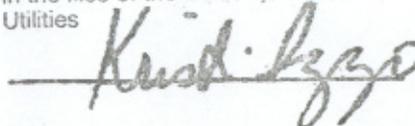
  
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KRISTI IZZO  
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



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