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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD INVESTIGATION )  
REGARDING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF INCUMBENT )  
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER (ILEC) SERVICES AS )  
COMPETITIVE )

ORDER SETTING  
HEARING ON  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT  
DOCKET NO. TX07110873

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY COMMISSIONER FREDERICK F. BUTLER:

By Order dated November 28, 2007, in response to a request from Verizon New Jersey, Inc. ("Verizon"), the Board determined that it is appropriate at this time to conduct a full investigation of and hearing on the question of whether incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") provided mass market retail services should be declared competitive pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21-19 (b), after review and consideration of the necessary criteria.

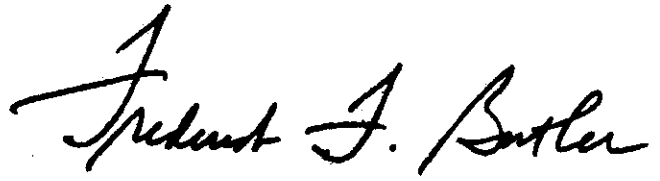
By letter dated May 30, 2008, Verizon submitted a proposed settlement for Board approval. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, some of the retail mass market services would be declared competitive while others would remain regulated. Rate increases are requested for the services that would remain subject to regulation under Verizon's alternative plan of regulation known as PAR 2.

Under N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.18, which governs alternative forms of regulation, and the terms of PAR 2, rate adjustments for regulated services are only permitted after notice and Board review, and determination that the rates for regulated services remain just and reasonable. Accordingly, to aid the Board in its review of the proposed settlement, I HEREBY ORDER that a hearing be held on June 24, 2008 at 10 am at the Board's Newark office at Two Gateway Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, New Jersey, to receive input from the public on the proposed Stipulation and Agreement. A copy of the Stipulation and Agreement is available for inspection at the Board's Newark offices during regular business hours and also can be found on the Board's website at [www.bpu.state.nj.us](http://www.bpu.state.nj.us). I FURTHER ORDER that Verizon publish Notice of the Public Hearing in publications in general circulation within Verizon's service territory.

This provisional ruling is subject to ratification or other alteration by the Board as it deems appropriate during the proceedings in this matter.

DATED: JUNE 3, 2008

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frederick F. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

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FREDERICK F. BUTLER  
COMMISSIONER

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