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Re: Case No. 9013 (Consolidated) Interconnection Agreement

Dear Mr. Berman and Ms. Paiva:

On February 18, 2022, Core Communications, Inc. (“Core”) and Verizon Maryland LLC (“Verizon”) filed a letter requesting a 60-day extension of the Commission’s March 4, 2022 deadline for the Parties to file an updated Interconnection Agreement (ICA) in Case No. 9013. The request does not reference the extent of any progress by the parties with respect to the preparation of an updated ICA.

Prior to the issuance of the *Second Order on Arbitration Appeals* (Order No. 90023), which was issued on January 3, 2022, the Commission granted several extension requests, none of which resulted in the filing of a mutually acceptable updated ICA. Therefore, the Commission is concerned that the parties’ request for an extension again—following the issuance of Order No. 90023—presages the continuation of litigation in this case which has already persisted for much too long. Thus, the Commission finds that granting the full 60-day extension requested by the parties, without a status report demonstrating substantial progress toward the preparation of an updated ICA is not adequately supported.¹

¹ Core’s Petition for Rehearing and Clarification (ML No. 238935), which Verizon opposes, also injects additional uncertainty that the 60-day extension requested by Core and Verizon will result in the Parties filing an updated ICA within the requested extension period.

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Therefore, absent a status report showing how the requested extension will result in the filing of a mutually acceptable updated ICA, the Commission denies the Parties' request for a 60-day extension. In order to accommodate the filing of a joint status report regarding the Parties' progress, the Commission hereby grants a 30-day extension of the March 4, 2022 deadline for filing an updated ICA in accordance with Order No. 90023. The joint status report directed herein shall be filed with the Commission within ten business days of this Order.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary

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