

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Transfer of Control of)	<u>DOCKET NO. 00-2288-01</u>
NORTHPOINT COMMUNICATIONS)	
GROUP, INC., to VERIZON)	<u>REPORT AND ORDER</u>
COMMUNICATIONS)	

ISSUED: December 18, 2000

SYNOPSIS

No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed merger.

By The Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 5, 2000, Northpoint Communications Group, Inc. (Petitioner), notified the Commission of its proposed sale of 55% of its privately-held stock to Verizon Communications. The matter was referred for review and recommendation to the Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU), which filed a memorandum recommending approval on November 13, 2000. In its notice, Petitioner averred that it did not believe the transaction required Commission approval. We disagree. However, for the reasons set forth in the DPU memorandum, which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, we find the proposal does not contravene the public interest and should be approved. We further find that an evidentiary hearing would be wholly superfluous to the disposition of this matter. Accordingly, we enter the following

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

The proposed sale be, and it is, approved effective the date of this Order.

Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this Order. Failure so to do will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 18th day of December, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary