
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 21, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to reject
2 the proposed structural separation of Verizon's wholesale and
3 retail operations.

4 WHEREAS, The proposed structural separation will require
5 Verizon to develop separate and duplicative telecommunication
6 operations at an estimated cost of over \$1 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, Verizon has invested approximately \$3 billion to
8 upgrade its telecommunication network infrastructure over the
9 last three years; and

10 WHEREAS, Continued network investments will be diverted to
11 support structural separation, which will stifle further
12 modernization and deployment of new telecommunication technology
13 and services in Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, The costs incurred by Verizon to structurally
2 separate its retail and wholesale operations will result in
3 increased rates and fees, ranging from \$5 to \$7 for Verizon's
4 6.4 million residential and business lines; and

5 WHEREAS, Many of Verizon's high-paying and family-sustaining
6 jobs will be needlessly threatened; and

7 WHEREAS, Local telephone competition is already flourishing
8 in Pennsylvania as evidenced by the assignment of nearly
9 20,000,000 telephone numbers to over 215 competitors; and

10 WHEREAS, No other state has successfully implemented
11 structural separation; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal Government gave full consideration but
13 aborted the inclusion of a mandatory structural separation
14 provision in the 1996 Telecommunications Act; and

15 WHEREAS, This matter is currently pending before the
16 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the
18 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to reject the proposal to
19 implement structural separation of Verizon's retail and
20 wholesale operations to ensure affordable and reliable
21 telecommunications services to the deserving citizens of this
22 Commonwealth.