

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, AND  
PUBLIC INTEREST EXHIBIT

Pursuant to Section 1.931(a)(4) of the FCC's rules, Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC ("Verizon Wireless") hereby requests that the FCC grant a 180-day extension of its special temporary authority ("STA") (call sign WPYW297) to continue to provide cellular radiotelephone service at sites known as Red River and Taos Ski in the New Mexico 1-San Juan (Block B) RSA.<sup>1</sup>

Verizon Wireless holds call sign KNKN264 to provide cellular service in the New Mexico 1-San Juan (Block B) RSA. In late 2003, the company determined that its predecessor in interest had not filed an application to provide service at these sites. On November 6, 2003, Verizon Wireless filed an application for an STA.<sup>2</sup> The FCC granted the application on November 13, 2003. The STA expires on May 12, 2004. As noted in the original application for STA, Red River and Taos Ski have been operational since February 21 and March 27, 1996 respectively. These sites are part of Verizon Wireless' nationwide network and carry significant wireless traffic. The service areas of the Red River and Taos Ski sites are depicted in the Service Area Map Exhibit of the original application<sup>3</sup> and of this instant application.

Chama Wireless, LLC ("Chama") is the licensee of call sign WPRS845. Chama is authorized to serve a portion of the areas served by Red River and Taos Ski. Chama currently is not providing service to any of the area served by Red River and Taos Ski. Pursuant to a special condition on the STA, Verizon Wireless is required to eliminate any interference within 30 days of notification from Chama. Verizon Wireless has not been notified that it is causing interference to Chama.

Since grant of the STA in November 2003, Verizon Wireless has been engaged in negotiations with Chama in an attempt to find a mutually agreeable resolution that would allow Verizon Wireless to continue to serve Red River and Taos Ski. Verizon Wireless has requested that Chama consent to two contour extension agreements covering the Red River and Taos sites.

As discussed above, these sites already provide service to the public and any loss of service would not be in the public interest. Chama currently is incapable of providing service to the areas served by Verizon Wireless. Given these extraordinary circumstances, pursuant to Section 1.931(a)(4) Verizon Wireless requests that the Commission grant this extension of the STA for an additional period of 180 days. Further, the 180-day period will provide Verizon Wireless with additional time in which to negotiate the necessary contour extension agreements with Chama. Finally, grant of this STA is in the public interest because it will allow Verizon Wireless to offer uninterrupted service to its customers. Neither the FCC nor any other entity will be prejudiced by grant of this STA.

<sup>1</sup> Taos Ski's coordinates are 36-35-50/105-27-07. Red River's coordinates are 36-42-16/105-23-33.

<sup>2</sup> ULS File No. 0001508821.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*