

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INTERROGATORY #5

INTERROGATORY

Is it Wirebury's position that not only can LDC's apply to the OEB to amend their service area boundaries, but any customer of an LDC could apply to have the change made as well, with or without the LDC's consent?

RESPONSE

Wirebury believes that while it is possible for any distributor or any customer to apply to the Board to have a service area amended, unilateral applications from either party are not likely to be successful and in many cases may not be in the public interest. Without the consent of the customer, the applicant distributor cannot prove that there was a need for the amendment. In the absence of an agreement to connect from an alternate distributor, the customer would have a difficult time demonstrating why service from the incumbent distributor would not be in the public interest.



Witness:

