# GENEALOGY OF THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY / BELL ATLANTIC - DELAWARE / VERIZON DELAWARE

#### JAMES MERRIHEW & WILLIAM B. GILL EXCHANGE OPERATED BY W.T. WESTBROOK

AT WILMINGTON, DEL. - SOLD AUGUST 1882 TO THE BELL TEL. CO. OF PHILADELPHIA

#### **DOVER TELEPHONE COMPANY**

(U.S. SENATOR, HARRY A. RICHARDSON) DOVER, DEL. PRIOR TO 1897

#### BETHEL, LAUREL & SHARPTOWN

TELEPHONE CO.INCORPORATED 1-30-1898 IN DELAWARE LAUREL, DEL. BETHEL, DEL. SHARPTOWN, MD. PROPERTY PURCHASED 7-12-1900

#### SELBYVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY

INCORPORATED 9-2-02 IN DELAWARE ALL CAPITAL STOCK PURCHASED 11-18-1903

## THE BELL TELEPHONE CO.

OF PHILADELPHIA CHARTERED 9-18-1879 WILMINGTON, DEL. EXCHANGE SOLD 9-1-1882 TO DEL. & ATLANTIC T.& T. CO. (N.Y. CORP.)

## THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE CO.

INCORPORATED 3-31-1897 IN DELAWARE KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES, DEL. CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

#### THE EASTERN SHORE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. OF CAROLINE

COUNTY IC.12-20-1899 IN MD.EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

OTHER LOCAL TELEPHONE GROUPS

KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES, DEL.

PRIOR TO 1897

#### MARYLAND & DELAWARE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. OF WICOMICO

COUNTY INC. 11-21-1901 IN MD. FASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

#### THE ONANCOCK TELEPHONE CO.

INCORPORATED 2-17-98 IN VA.CAPE CHARLES PENINSULA IN VA. CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

## ATLANTIC TELEPHONE COMPANY

INCORPORATED 2-9-1898 IN VA. CAPE CHARLES PENINSULA IN VA. CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

#### THE DELAWARE & ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CO.

(N.Y. CORP.) INC. 7-18-1882 IN NEW YORK. DELAWARE PROPERTY SOLD 12-23-1904 TO DEL. & ATLANTIC T.& T. CO.(N.J. CORP.)

CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905 UNDER LAWS OF DEL. MD. & VA. OPERATED IN PARTS OF DEL.,MD. & VA. - VA. PROPERTYSOLD 7-3-1907 MD. PROPERTY SOLD 7-20-1912

## MANOKIN TELEPHONE COMPANY

INCORPORATED 8-31-1904 SOMERSET COUNTY: MD. PURCHASED 3-22-1907. DISSOLVED 1-16-1908

#### THE RIVERTON & DELMAR TELEPHONE CO.

INCORPORATED IN DEL DELMAR; SUSSEX COUNTY, DEL DELAWARE PROPERTY PURCHASED 8-3-1912

#### PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY

INCORPORATED 4-12-1894 IN VA. CAPE CHARLES PENINSULA IN VA. CONSOLIDATED 5-10-1905

## THE DELAWARE & ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CO. (N.J.CORP.) INC. 8-12-1902 IN

NEW JERSEY DELAWARE PROPERTY IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY SOLD 10-1-1912 TO THE DIAMOND STATE TELCO

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CO. OF VA. INCORPORATED 6-24-1907 7-3-1907 PURCHASED VA. PROPERTY OF THE DIAMOND STATE TEL. CO. CONSOLIDATED

THE FREDERICA TELEPHONE COMPANY

INCORPORATED 7-15-1909

FREDERICA, DEL. PURCHASED 1-31-1914

DISSOLVED 2-10-1912

#### THE C. & P. CO. OF BALTIMORE CITY

7-20-1912 PURCHASED MD. PROPERTY OF THE DIAMOND STATE TEL. CO. CONSOLIDATED

SMYRNA & WESTERN TELEPHONE CO.

INCORPORATED 4-17-1912

PURCHASED 7-9-1914

#### CODE

SOLID LINES TRACE PREDECESSOR **COMPANIES OF** THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY / BELL ATLANTIC -DELAWARE, INC. / VERIZON DELAWARE INC.

**BROKEN LINES TRACE PURCHASES AND SALES OF PROPERTY** 

#### FORMER STATUS AS SIMPLE DOMESTIC CORPORATION UNDER DELAWARE LAWS OPERATES THROUGHOUT DELAWARE

THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE CO. 3-24-1913 BY CHARTER AMENDMENT RESUMED

#### THE DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE CO. A BELL ATLANTIC COMPANY

AFTER THE 1/1/1984 DIVESTITURE OF THE BELL SYSTEM BELL ATLANTIC BECAME THE NEW PARENT COMPANY

BELL ATLANTIC - DELAWARE, INC.

1/1/1994 AFTER 97 YEARS AS THE DIAMOND

STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY THE FIRMS

NAME NAME IS CHANGED TO BELL

ATLANTIC - DELAWARE, INC.

#### AT&T BELL SYSTEM DIVESTITURE

1/1/1984 DIVESTITURE OF THE BELL SYSYEM (AT&T) FORMED 7 REGIONAL BELL OPERATING COMPANIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BELL ATLANTIC FORMED TO COVER NJ, PA, DE, MD VA, WV & DC

NYNEX
AUGUST 15, 1997 - BELL ATLANTIC

CORPORATION AQUIRES NYNEX, ANOTHER

AT&T "BABY BELL" CREATING THE 2ND

LARGEST TELEPHONE COMPANY IN THE

LISCAFTER AT&T)

## NOTE 1

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DATA INCOMPLETE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES ACQUIRED BY THE DIAMOND STATE COMPANY HAVE NOT BEEN INDENTIFIED SUFFICIENTLY TO INCLUDE IN GENEALOGY:

MARYDEL & TEMPLEVILLE TEL. CO. INC. 5-4-05 BEE LINE TELEPHONE CO. INC. 4-26-99 DORCHESTER TELEPONE COMPANY INC. 3-3-96 STANDARD TEL. CO. OF BALTIMORE INC. 8-6-96 THE UNION TEL. CO. OF TALBOT COUNTY INC. 3-9-95 VARIOUS SERVICE LINE CO'S PURCHASED SINCE 1913

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### NOTE 2



AMENDED BY: WILLIAM B. BOWDEN - MANAGER COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER & EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

- FEBRUARY OF 1997 FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE WILMINGTON AUTOMATIC

**TELEPHONE COMPANY** 

INCORPORATED IN DELAWARE OPERATED

PROPERTY PURCHASED 4-8-1919

INDEPENDENT EXCHANGE IN WILMINGTON

- AND AGAIN IN FEBRUARY OF 2001 TO ADD NYNEX & GTE

## **VERIZON DELAWARE INC.**

6/30/2000 BELL ATLANTIC - DELAWARE'S NAME IS CHANGED TO VERIZON DELAWARE INC

## GTE

6/30/2000 BELL ATLANTIC AND GTE MERGE TO FORM A NEW NATIONWIDE COMPANY CALLED VERIZON











