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SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ
MERCER VICINAGE
CIVIL DIVISION

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COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF
AMERICA, AFL-CIO

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BOARD OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES, and VERIZON OF
NEW JERSEY, INC.

Defendants,

And

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BOARD OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION-
MERCER COUNTY

DOCKET NO. L-2898-15

DOCKET NO. L-679-16

CIVIL ACTION

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
TO VERIZON OF NEW JERSEY,
REQUIRING CUMBERLAND COUNTY
TO FILE A VERIFIED COMPLAINT,
AND ADJOURNING BRIEFING
SCHEDULE

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THIS MATTER having come before the court in response to a letter from counsel for Verizon of New Jersey, Inc., communicating its concern that counsel for Cumberland County failed to file a merits brief and verified complaint in accordance with this court's prior order; and counsel for Verizon of New Jersey, Inc., having also noted that his client was not named in Cumberland County's amended complaint; and the court having held a case management conference by telephone in order to clarify these matters on April 5, 2016; and the conference having also revealed that Cumberland County had not made a separate common law request for activation reports to the Board of Public Utilities; and counsel for Cumberland County noting that it had no objection to Verizon of New Jersey, Inc., intervening in its specific cause of action in the consolidated matter; and counsel for Cumberland County having confirmed with the court on April 7, 2016, that it had filed a common law request for the activation reports with the Board of Public Utilities on April 5, 2016; and for good cause shown:

IT IS this 7th day of April, 2016, **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The court *sua sponte* grants intervention of Verizon of New Jersey, Inc. in Cumberland County's cause of action in this consolidated matter. Cumberland County shall ensure that Verizon of New Jersey receives all documents pertinent to its cause of action.

2. Cumberland County shall submit an amended, verified complaint in support of its cause of action by April 8, 2016.
3. The Board of Public Utilities shall provide Cumberland County its response to Cumberland County's common law request for activation reports by April 11, 2016.
4. The prior established briefing schedule is adjourned. The following briefing schedule shall apply:
 - a. Cumberland County shall submit its initial brief by April 14, 2016
 - b. All opposition briefs shall be submitted by May 6, 2106.
 - c. All reply briefs shall be submitted by May 20, 2016.
5. Oral argument is scheduled for June 16, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.


Mary C. Jacobson, A.J.S.C.