

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050153)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Property and Public Works to hold public hearings on the status of land lines and other means to support the need of the City for data transmission, communication, and public safety and security; and, in furtherance of such hearing, authorizing the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents to the full extent authorized under section 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is striving to become a "High Tech" or "Cutting Edge City"; and

WHEREAS, On July 20, 2004, a technician was testing a T-1 circuit and it was left in a loop back mode, which rendered the circuit unusable; and

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2004, equipment that supports a vital City of Philadelphia communication system shut down due to a loss of power; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2004, while the testing of a circuit was being completed, the card for the first circuit was not fully seated in the equipment, prior to the second card being pulled out, causing an alarm to sound and forcing a critical communication system into back-up mode; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of cooperation, Verizon has requested that they be given the opportunity to testify on the record about such matters and requested the opportunity to answer questions from City Council on the record; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council's Committee on Public Property and Public Works hold public hearings on the status of land lines and other means to support the need of the City for data transmission, communication, and public safety and security; and, in furtherance of such hearing, authorizing the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents to the full extent authorized under section 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

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*RESOLUTION NO. 050153 continued*

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the seventeenth of February, 2005.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Rizzo

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Rizzo, Clarke, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Nutter, Kelly, Kenney, Cohen, Ramos, DiCicco and Miller