

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

VERIZON RHODE ISLAND'S :  
CARRIER-TO-CARRIER GUIDELINES, : DOCKET NO. 3195  
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS :  
AND REPORTS :

ORDER

On December 3, 2001, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approved certain carrier-to-carrier (“C2C”) service quality guidelines, entitled “*State of Rhode Island Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards and Reports*” (“C2C Guidelines”), to be used in Verizon Rhode Island’s (“VZ-RI”) monthly C2C reports to measure the quality of VZ-RI’s wholesale performance with respect to Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (“CLECs”) doing business in Rhode Island.<sup>1</sup> Among other things, the Commission’s Order required VZ-RI to

*...file with this Commission within 30 days of its compliance filing with any other state Commission located in the Verizon service territory, as well as in the former Bell Atlantic territory (prior to its merger with GTE), any new metrics for the Commission’s consideration.<sup>2</sup>*

On June 26, 2006, the New York Public Service Commission (“NYPSC”) ordered modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, which included administrative changes and inclusion in VZ’s retail data transactions by its affiliate, Verizon Business, formerly MCI. On July 14, 2006, VZ-RI filed proposed revisions to its Rhode Island C2C Guidelines incorporating the modifications ordered by the NYPSC. On July 17, 2006, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) reviewed VZ-RI’s filing and recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the Rhode Island C2C

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 16809 (issued December 3, 2001), approving the C2C Guidelines filed by VZ-RI on February 16, 2001, as modified (“C2C Order”).

<sup>2</sup> Id., at Ordering Para. 1.B.

Guidelines. At an open meeting on July 27, 2006, the Commission approved the modifications to VZ-RI's C2C Guidelines for Rhode Island based on the NYPSC's order of June 26, 2006.

The Commission finds that incorporating the various modifications ordered by the NYPSC into the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines will improve the metrics and standards for measuring the quality of VZ-RI's wholesale performance with respect to CLECs doing business in Rhode Island, as well as promote uniformity within Verizon's service territory. In addition, we note that no CLEC has objected to the implementation of the NYPSC's modifications in the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines. Therefore, we presume that the implementation of the NYPSC's modifications in the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines will not adversely affect CLECs doing business in Rhode Island.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly it is

( 18706 ) ORDERED:

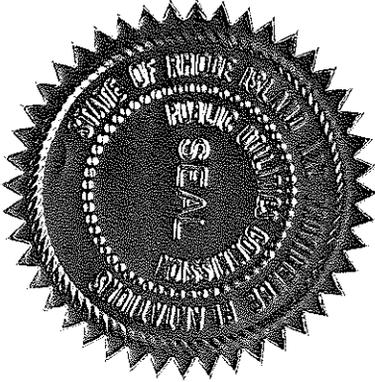
1. The modifications filed on July 14, 2006 by Verizon Rhode Island to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines, based upon the New York Public Service Commission's order of June 26, 2006 approving similar modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, are hereby approved.

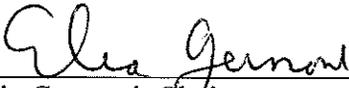
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<sup>3</sup> Order No. 16809, at pp. 37-38.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, PURSUANT TO OPEN  
MEETING DECISION ON JULY 27, 2006. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006.

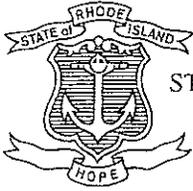
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Proceedings for review may be instituted by filing a complaint in the Superior Court of Providence or Kent Counties. Copies of the complaint must be served upon the Division and all other parties of record in your case. You must serve copies of the complaint within ten (10) days after your complaint is filed with the Superior Court.

Please be advised that the filing of a complaint (appeal) with the Superior Court does not itself stay enforcement of the Division's final decision. You may however, seek a stay from the Division and/or from the Court.

The judicial review shall be conducted by the Superior Court without a jury and shall be confined to the record. The Court, upon request, shall hear oral argument and receive written briefs.