

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 May 23, 2007, the New York Public Service Commission (“NYPSC”) ordered modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, which included administrative modifications and the addition of UNE Loops ordered under metric PR-4-05 to report performance of the product. On June 20, 2007, VZ-RI filed proposed revisions to its Rhode Island C2C Guidelines incorporating the modifications ordered by the NYPSC. On July 13, 2007, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) reviewed VZ-RI’s filing and recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the Rhode Island

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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.

C2C Guidelines. At an open meeting on July 26, 2007, the Commission approved the modifications to VZ-RI's C2C Guidelines for Rhode Island based on the NYPSC's order of May 23, 2007.

On July 20, 2007, the New York Public Service Commission ("NYPSC") ordered modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, which included changes to metric OR-6 to improve the accuracy of this metric and to simplify the process for performing this measurement. On July 23, 2007, VZ-RI filed proposed revisions to its Rhode Island C2C Guidelines incorporating the modifications ordered by the NYPSC. On July 26, 2007, 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 Guidelines. At an open meeting on August 9, 2007 the Commission approved the modifications to VZ-RI's C2C Guidelines for Rhode Island based on the NYPSC's order of July 20, 2007.

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

(19039) ORDERED:

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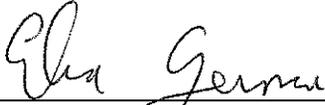
<sup>3</sup> Order No. 16809, at pp. 37-38.

1. The modifications filed on June 20, 2007 by Verizon Rhode Island to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines, based upon the New York Public Service Commission's order of May 23, 2007 approving similar modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, are hereby approved.
2. The modifications filed on July 23, 2007 by Verizon Rhode Island to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines, based upon the New York Public Service Commission's order of July 20, 2007 approving similar modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, are hereby approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETING DECISIONS ON JULY 26, 2007 AND AUGUST 9, 2007. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 15, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
Elia Germani, Chairman

  
Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner\*

  
Mary Bray, Commissioner

\* Commissioner Holbrook did not participate in the decision made on August 9, 2007.