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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect January 7, 2005, tariff material consisting of:

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Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) is proposing an additional provisioning option for Digital Centrex Service (Intellipath® and Centrex Plus). The new option is Ground Start provisioning. Line supervision from a telephone central office may be one of two types - loop start or ground start. Currently, Digital Centrex Service is provided by a loop start connection. Typically, PBX systems work best with a ground start connection. Therefore, the availability of ground start will enable customers to connect digital Centrex service with their PBX or voice mail system that usually require this option.

The additional cost of provisioning a ground start line versus a loop start line is de minimus. Therefore, Verizon RI is providing this provisioning option at no additional charge.

Verizon Rhode Island

Tariff Filing Support for

Ground Start

Additional Provisioning Option for Digital Centrex Services

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Service Description

Verizon Rhode Island ("Verizon RI") is offering an additional provisioning option for Digital Centrex Service including Intellipath® Service and Digital Centrex Plus Service. The new provisioning option is Ground Start.

Each Digital Centrex line works from a line card in the Central Office. This card provides all the necessary functionality to the line, including the dial tone and disconnect detection, and is available in two types: loop start and ground start. Customers choose loop or ground start service depending on the type of equipment to which the lines will connect at the customer's site. With loop start, the line card detects the change in status when the customer's loop/line is open or closed. With ground start, the line card detects the change in status when the customer's line is grounded or ungrounded. Typically, PBX systems work best with ground start signaling. Ground start provisioning enables customers to connect digital Centrex service to their PBX or voice mail system that usually require this option. Previously, customers could receive Intellipath and Centrex Plus tariffed services only via a loop start connection.

The additional cost of provisioning ground start lines versus loop start lines is de minimus. Therefore, Verizon RI is providing this provisioning option at no additional charge.

This filing also proposes two additional modifications to the Intellipath section of the tariff. Specifically, tariff language that references the following is being removed:

1. The identification of Intellipath as being one of the Pathways family of digital services. This statement is being removed because Verizon no longer refers to any of its services as Pathways.
2. The inclusion of 5 tie lines as part of Intellipath service. Most customers do not need tie lines. Intellipath is currently offered only under Large System-specific Pricing Plan contracts (LSPPs). The change will have no impact on existing LSPP agreements.

Verizon certifies that the rates for Intellipath and Centrex Plus with Ground Start provisioning are not less than the Long-run Incremental Cost of providing the services.

Verizon New England Inc.

5. Digital Centrex Services
5.1 INTELLIPATH® Digital Centrex Service

5.1.1	Description	
<p>A.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Intellipath is a business telecommunications system in which the controlling dial switching equipment is located at a Telephone Company digital central office that normally serves the principal premises of a customer. Intellipath is a residence telecommunications system when provided as Student Residence Centrex (SRC) service. Intellipath is available only on a measured service basis.</p> <p>Effective April 12, 1989, a minimum of six lines is required with this service.</p> <p>Effective November 25, 1994, Intellipath is available only under the terms and conditions of the Large System-Specific Pricing Plan (LSPP) as specified in Part A, Section 1.</p> <p>Station lines may be either ground start or loop start. Transmission quality over ground start lines as received at the customer's equipment is not guaranteed. Additional transmission improvements requested by the customer due to specific equipment requirements will be provided by the Telephone Company at charges based on cost.</p>	<p>(T)</p> <p>(N)</p> <p>(N)</p>
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<p>C.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p> <p>7.</p>	<p>Standard Features provided as part of the Intellipath offering are as follows. Standard features which are not basic to the system may be activated for individual lines. These features are in addition to the basic features described in Section 1.</p> <p>Add on Consultation/Hold Incoming Only enables a station user within a group to establish three way calling restricted to incoming DID calls to the system.</p> <p>Automatic Callback enables a station user calling a busy station within the system to be automatically connected to the called line when the line becomes idle.</p> <p>Call Forwarding Busy Line provides for the automatic routing of incoming calls to a preselected station line when the called station line is busy. This feature is not provided on a station line with Call Waiting.</p> <p>Call Forwarding Don't Answer provides for the automatic routing of incoming calls to a preselected station line when the called telephone does not answer within a predetermined number of rings. This feature may be arranged so that only incoming DID calls will be forwarded.</p> <p>Call Forwarding allows a station line to have incoming calls forwarded to another line within the system or to telephone numbers outside the system. During times when the feature is activated, the line may be used in the normal manner for outgoing calls. This feature may be arranged to restrict the terminating directory numbers dialed during the activation procedure to intragroup extension numbers.</p> <p>Call Pickup allows a station user to answer any call directed to another Centrex line within its preset pickup group by dialing a special code.</p> <p>Call Transfer Individual All Calls allows a station user to transfer any established call to another station in the Centrex system. This is a basic system feature provided on all lines.</p>	

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5. Digital Centrex Services
5.2 Nynex Digital Centrex Plus (Centrex Plus) Service

5.2.1	Description
A.	<p>Centrex Plus is a business telecommunications system in which the controlling dial switching equipment is located at a Telephone Company digital central office that normally serves the principal premises of a customer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This service is offered with a 2-line minimum requirement, subject to the availability of facilities. 2. Centrex Plus is only available on a measured service basis.
B.	<p>Centrex Plus station lines may be either ground start or loop start. Transmission quality over ground start lines as received at the customer's equipment is not guaranteed. Additional transmission improvements requested by the customer due to specific equipment requirements will be provided by the Telephone Company at charges based on cost.</p>
C.	<p>Standard Features provided on all lines, include the features described in Section 1 and as listed below. Centrex Plus offered under a Month-to-Month payment option is equipped with a modified Direct Outward Dialing feature (assumed dial 9-no access code dialing) and cannot be equipped with Station-to-Station Dialing (dial intercommunications).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Forwarding Busy Line permits calls attempting to terminate to a busy line to be forwarded to a preselected line within the system or to a line external to the system. 2. Call Forwarding Don't Answer provides for the forwarding of any incoming calls to a preselected line within the system or to a telephone number outside the system when the called line does not answer. 3. Call Forwarding allows line to have incoming calls forwarded to another line within the system or to a telephone number outside the system. 4. Call Hold enables a line user to place a call on hold for any length of time provided that neither party goes on-hook. 5. Call Pickup Group allows a line user to answer incoming calls to another line within the Centrex Plus system by dialing a special code. One or more call pickup groups may be established. 6. Call Transfer All Calls allows a line user to transfer any established call to another line inside or outside the customer group without the assistance of an attendant. 7. Conference Calling enables a line user to establish voice connection involving the customer and two other parties. The line user, by switchhook operation is able to place an existing call on hold and dial the telephone number of a third-party, affecting a three-way call. 8. Hunting permits the routing of calls to an idle line in a prearranged group when the called line is busy. 9. Touch Tone provides for the origination of calls by means of instruments equipped for tone-type address signaling over special central office facilities.

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This filing also proposes two additional modifications to the Intellipath section of the tariff. Specifically, tariff language that references Intellipath as one of the Pathways services is removed, and language addressing the provision of tie lines is also removed.

Verizon certifies that the rates for Intellipath Digital Centrex Service and Digital Centrex Plus Service with Ground Start provisioning are not less than the Long-run Incremental Cost of providing the services.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Frances O'Neill-Cunha of my staff at 401 525-3560.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments