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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect January 15, 2005, tariff material consisting of:

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With this filing, Verizon proposes to grandfather INFOPATH® Packet Switching Service. Customers with INFOPATH service connected prior to January 15, 2005, may retain the service at their current location only. Verizon is grandfathering this service because the manufacturer of the switching equipment used to provide this service has discontinued its production. Sufficient equipment supplies exist to continue support to current customers

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,

4. INFOPATH® Packet Switching Service
4.1 General

Customers with INFOPATH® Packet Switching service connected prior to January 15, 2005 may retain this service at their existing location only. Additions, rearrangements and moves of service are not permitted. (N) (N)

4.1.1 Definitions
Rates and charges for services explained herein are contained in Part M, Section 3. Service charges referred to herein are explained in Part A, Section 3 and contained in Part M, Section 1.
Access Concentrator (AC)—The network equipment which collects customer data information from many access lines, multiplexes, routes and switches the data. The access concentrator improves the efficiency of a communications circuit by combining a number of low speed inputs into a single, higher speed output.
Asynchronous—A form of communications whereby each data character is individually synchronized by means of start and stop elements.
Bursty Traffic—Communications traffic characterized by short periods of high intensity separated by fairly long intervals of little or no utilization.
Call Request Packet—The first packet in each session which contains the call request information.
Data Circuit Terminating Equipment (DCE)—Telephone Company network channel terminating equipment that interfaces with customer provided data terminal equipment.
Data Terminal Equipment (DTE)—Customer provided equipment, either terminals or computers, that interfaces with the Infopath packet switching service network.
Kilopacket—One thousand packets.
Logical Channel—A virtual communications channel through the network that allows simultaneous transmission of sequenced data packets through the network.
Octet—A continuous sequence of eight binary digits of information.
Packet—A continuous sequence of octets of information which is switched through the network as an integral unit. A packet can contain up to 256 octets of customer data as well as transmission and error control information. For billing purposes, a packet contains up to 128 octets.
Permanent Virtual Circuit—A circuit which is the electronic equivalent of a private line between two destination network addresses.
Port Connection—A communications interface provided by the Telephone Company through which the customer or an authorized user is connected to the network.
Protocol—A set of rules and procedures that permit the orderly exchange of information within and across a network.
Switched Virtual Circuit—A communications channel (logical channel) established on a switched basis as a result of the call establishment procedure via one network address calling another network address. The communications channel exists until the call is terminated by either the calling or called party.

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