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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 May 18, 2005, tariff material consisting of:

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With this filing, Verizon is introducing One-Year Term Options for business customers who purchase the Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plans (marketed as "Freedom" packages). Customers purchasing the plans under the term options will receive reduced rates for the packages.

This filing also grandfathers the availability of Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business packages to existing Foreign Central Office Service customers of record, and the tariff is amended to specify that Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business are not available with Foreign Zone Service.

Verizon certifies that the rates for the One-Year Term Options for Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business are not less than the Long-run Incremental Cost of providing the options.

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

Verizon Rhode Island Tariff Filing Support Package for

**Unlimited Local Usage for Business
& Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business
Introduction of a 1-Year Term Option at a Reduced Rate**

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Description of Service

In 2003, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) introduced Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business. Unlimited Local Usage for Business, is marketed as “Freedom Basicsm for Business, Local”, and provides unlimited local usage for a flat monthly charge. Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business, is marketed as “Freedom Basicsm for Business, Local with Toll”, and provides unlimited local usage and unlimited intraLATA (regional) toll calling for a flat monthly charge. No Service Connection Charge applies for these packaged offerings.

With this filing, Verizon proposes to introduce a one-year term option at a reduced rate for customers who subscribe to Unlimited Local Usage for Business or Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business. At the end of the term period or any subsequent renewal, the agreement will automatically be renewed for a successive One-Year Term on the same terms and conditions, unless either party provides advance notice that it does not wish to renew the term. Each subsequent renewal will allow for a 60-day grace period for a subscriber to remove the plan without penalty. Pricing will remain the same during any automatic renewal unless Verizon provides a 30-day notice of any change. Early termination charges will apply if a subscriber discontinues the service prior to the expiration of the term.

This offer rewards the customer for loyalty and assists Verizon in attracting and retaining customers.

The discounts and resulting package prices are as follows

Package	Rhode Island		
	Mo-to-Mo	1- yr Term	Discount
Unlimited Local Usage	\$18.50	\$16.50	\$ 2.00
Unlimited Local w/ Toll Usage	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$ 2.00

Also, this filing grandfathers the availability of Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business Plans to existing Foreign Central Office Service customers of record, at existing locations. Effective May 18, 2005, Foreign Central Office Service (FCO) will no longer be offered on the same line as Verizon Freedom for Business.

In addition, the tariff is being amended to specify that Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business are not available with Foreign Zone Service.

Verizon certifies that the rates for the One-Year Term Options for Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business are not less than the Long-run Incremental Cost of providing the services.

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15.7 Unlimited Local Usage for Business

15.7.1 Description	
A.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is an optional calling plan which includes unlimited local voice usage for a flat monthly rate. Unlimited Local Usage for Business is available only to business customers with Business exchange service and/or Digital Centrex Plus Service. The Exchange Access line rate is not included in the Unlimited Local Usage for Business rate.

15.7.2 Regulations			
A.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is available on Business exchange service and Digital Centrex Plus lines where facilities permit.		
B.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is available only to customers who subscribe to Verizon Rhode Island as their carrier for all local and intraLATA toll calls.		
C.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business applies per telephone line.		
D.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is available to business customers who, at the time of initiation of service, subscribe to 25 or fewer Telephone Company lines (voice grade or voice grade equivalent).		
E.	Eligible business customers may subscribe to the Unlimited Local Usage for Business plan for up to ten (10) lines. A combination of Unlimited Local Usage for Business and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business (Part A, Section 15.8) may not exceed a total of ten (10) lines.		
F.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is not available with Enhanced FlexGrow Service, PBX trunks, ground start lines or trunks, ISDN Basic Service, ISDN Primary Service, Remote Call Forwarding Service, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Zone Service, Public Telephone Service, Dormitory Communication Service, Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service 911, Flexpath, and Analog to Digital Conversion Digital PBX Services. Unlimited Local Usage for Business is limited to existing Foreign Central Office customers of record, at existing locations, on or before May 18, 2005.		
G.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is not available with the following business packages or optional plans: Selective Calling Service, Corporate Rewards, Outward Toll Calling Plan, Customer Specific Pricing (CSP), and Large System-Specific Pricing Plan (LSPP).		
H.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business does not apply to the following calls and services: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Directory Assistance Service - Call Connect Service - Business Line Verification - Busy Line Interrupt - National-411 (N-411) Service - All Operator Dialed Calls - Calling Card Calls </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customer Dialed Collect, Bill-to-Third Number or Person-to-Person Calls - Information Delivery Service (IDS Type Call - Audiotext) - 700, 900, 976 Services - Corrections Collect Calls </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Directory Assistance Service - Call Connect Service - Business Line Verification - Busy Line Interrupt - National-411 (N-411) Service - All Operator Dialed Calls - Calling Card Calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customer Dialed Collect, Bill-to-Third Number or Person-to-Person Calls - Information Delivery Service (IDS Type Call - Audiotext) - 700, 900, 976 Services - Corrections Collect Calls
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I.	All regulations applicable to Digital Centrex Plus Service as specified in Part H, Section 5 of this Tariff apply to that service when offered with Verizon's Unlimited Local Usage for		

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15.7.2 Regulations	
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K.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business applies to voice traffic and may not be used for the transmission of data, for internet connections, or for any other non-voice application. This service may also not be used for autodialing. As set forth in Part A, Section 1.4.1.C, the Telephone Company reserves the right to restrict the amount of other services and equipment furnished or used in connection with any particular class of service in order to prevent any impairment in the quality of service furnished. If the Customer uses this Service for any non-eligible purpose, including, but not limited to, the examples noted above, the Company may suspend, restrict or cancel the Service. Details on calls made will not be available for this service.

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15.7.3 Month-to-Month and One-Year Term Agreements	
A.	Unlimited Local Usage for Business is available on a Month-to-Month basis or as a One-Year Term.
B.	Customers may discontinue the Month-to-Month package at any time upon request to the Telephone Company.
C.	One-Year Term agreements are applied per line and are not required to be co-terminus. At the end of the term period or any subsequent renewal, the agreement will automatically be renewed for successive One-Year Terms on the same terms and conditions, unless either party provides advance notice that it does not wish to renew the term. Each subsequent renewal will allow for a 60-day grace period for the subscriber to remove the plan without penalty. Pricing will remain the same during any automatic renewal unless Verizon has provided 30-days notice of any change.
1.	In the event the customer terminates the One-Year Term service within the first 60-days, starting on the Order Completion Date, the customer will be liable for the month-to-month charges up to the date of termination, and any termination liability will be waived. If the customer terminates service after 60-calendar days, but prior to the completion of the term commitment period, the customer shall be liable for an early termination charge of 25% of the monthly recurring charge per line for each month remaining in the term. An early termination charge will not apply under the following circumstances:
a.	Customer moves existing service either to a new location within the same address and/or same building (inside move) or to a new location (outside move) and maintains that service for the remainder of the term; or
b.	Customer renegotiates a new term commitment plan for the same service before the current term commitment expires and the value of the new term commitment is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the current term commitment; or
c.	Customer changes to another service or usage plan or upgrades service or usage under a term commitment, and the value of the new term commitment is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the current term commitment.

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15.7.4 Application of Rates and Charges	
A.	The Unlimited Local Usage for Business monthly rate applies in addition to and does not include a Basic Exchange Dial Tone Line or Digital Centrex Plus line.

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B.	Service and Equipment Charges do not apply to an existing customer who chooses to add Unlimited Local Usage for Business to their line or who changes the class of service from Basic Exchange Business 1-Party Unlimited usage service (Part A, Section 5.1) to enroll in Unlimited Local Usage for Business.
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15.8 Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business

15.8.1	Description
A.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is an optional calling plan which includes unlimited local and intraLATA toll voice usage for a flat monthly rate. Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is available only to business customers with Business exchange service and/or Digital Centrex Plus Service. The Exchange Access line rate is not included in the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business rate.

15.8.2	Regulations
A.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is available on Business exchange service and Digital Centrex Plus lines where facilities permit.
B.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is available only to customers who subscribe to Verizon Rhode Island as their carrier for all local and intraLATA toll calls.
C.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business applies per telephone line.
D.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is available to business customers who, at the time of initiation of service, subscribe to 25 or fewer Telephone Company lines (voice grade or voice grade equivalent).
E.	Eligible business customers may subscribe to the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plan for up to ten (10) lines. A combination of Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business and Unlimited Local Usage for Business (Part A, Section 15.7) lines may not exceed a total of ten (10) lines.
F.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is not available with Enhanced FlexGrow Service, PBX trunks, ground start lines or trunks, ISDN Basic Service, ISDN Primary Service, Remote Call Forwarding Service, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Zone Service, Public Telephone Service, Dormitory Communication Service, Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service 911, Flexpath, and Analog to Digital Conversion Digital PBX Services. Unlimited Local Usage for Business is limited to existing Foreign Central Office customers of record, at existing locations, on or before May 18, 2005.
G.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is not available with the following business packages or optional plans: Selective Calling Service, Corporate Rewards, Outward Toll Calling Plan, Customer Specific Pricing (CSP), and Large System-Specific Pricing Plan (LSPP).
H.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business does not apply to the following calls and services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Local Directory Assistance Service <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Customer Dialed Collect, Bill to Third Number or Person-to-Person Calls <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Call Connect Service <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Information Delivery Service (IDS Type Call-Audiotext) <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Business Line Verification <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- Busy Line Interrupt <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- National-411 (N-411) Service <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;">- 700, 900, 976 Services

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	- All Operator Dialed Calls	- Corrections Collect Calls
	- Calling Card Calls	
I.	All regulations applicable to Digital Centrex Plus Service as specified in Part H, Section 5 of this Tariff apply to that services when offered with Verizon's Unlimited Local and Toll for Business package.	

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K.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business applies to voice traffic and may not be used for the transmission of data, for internet connections, or for any other non-voice application. This service may also not be used for autodialing. As set forth in Part A, Section 1.4.1.C, the Telephone Company reserves the right to restrict the amount of other services and equipment furnished or used in connection with any particular class of service in order to prevent any impairment in the quality of service furnished. If the Customer uses this Service for any non-eligible purpose, including, but not limited to, the examples noted above, the Company may suspend, restrict or cancel the Service. Details on calls made will not be available for this service.

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15.8.3 Optional Feature Packages	
A.	The following optional feature packages are available to customers that subscribe to the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plan.
B.	Customers that subscribe to the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plan may order Feature Package 1 and Feature Package 2 subject to the availability of facilities.
C.	Feature Package 1 includes Call Forwarding, Call Waiting and Three-Way Calling. The customer can select any single feature, any combination of two features, or all three features in this package. All existing restrictions and regulations for the individual features will apply.
D.	Feature Package 2 includes Caller ID or Call Waiting ID with Name. All existing restrictions and regulations for the individual features will apply.
E.	The optional feature packages must be on the same line as the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plan.

15.8.4 Month-to-Month and One-Year Term Agreements	
A.	Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business is available on a Month-to-Month basis or as a One-Year Term.
B.	Customers may discontinue the Month-to-Month package at any time upon request to the Telephone Company.
C.	One-Year Term agreements are applied per line and are not required to be co-terminus. At the end of the term period or any subsequent renewal, the agreement will automatically be renewed for successive One-Year Terms on the same terms and conditions, unless either party provides advance notice that it does not wish to renew the term. Each subsequent renewal will allow for a 60-day grace period for subscriber to remove the plan without penalty. Pricing will remain the same during any automatic renewal unless the Telephone Company has provided 30-days notice of any change.

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15.8.4 Month-to-Month and One-Year Term Agreements	
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1.	In the event the customer terminates the One-Year Term service within the first 60-days, starting on the Order Completion Date, the customer will be liable for the month-to-month charges up to the date of termination, and any termination liability will be waived. If the customer terminates service after 60-calendar days, but prior to the completion of the term commitment period, the customer shall be liable for an early termination charge of 25% of the monthly recurring charge per line for each month remaining in the term. An early termination charge will not apply under the following circumstances:
a.	Customer moves existing service either to a new location within the same address and/or same building (inside move) or to a new location (outside move) and maintains that service for the remainder of the term; or
b.	Customer renegotiates a new term commitment plan for the same service before the current term commitment expires and the value of the new term commitment is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the current term commitment; or
c.	Customer changes to another service or usage plan or upgrades service or usage under a term commitment, and the value of the new term commitment is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the current term commitment.

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15.8.5 Application of Rates and Charges	
A.	The Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business monthly rate applies in addition to and does not include a Basic Exchange Dial Tone Line or Digital Centrex Plus line.
B.	Service and Equipment Charges do not apply to an existing customer who chooses to add Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business to their line or changes the class of service from Basic Exchange Business 1-Party Unlimited usage service (Part A, Section 5.1) to enroll in Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business.
C.	The monthly rates for the optional Feature Packages 1 and 2 are in addition to the monthly rates for the Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business plan.

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1.15.6 Package Bonus Discount				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Package Bonus Discount	Discount – Residence – Monthly – Per eligible service	20%	

1.15.7 Unlimited Local Usage for Business				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unlimited local usage for business	Per Exchange Access Line – Monthly	18.50	
		Per Digital Centrex Plus Access Line – Monthly	18.50	
		One-Year Term – Per Exchange Access Line – Monthly	16.50	
		One-Year Term – Digital Centrex Plus Access Line – Monthly	16.50	

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1.15.8 Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Unlimited local and toll usage for Business	Per Exchange Access Line – Monthly	25.00	
		Per Digital Centrex Plus Access Line – Monthly	25.00	
		One-Year Term – Per Exchange Access Line – Monthly	23.00	
		One-Year Term – Digital Centrex Plus Access Line – Monthly	23.00	
	Optional Feature Packages	Feature Package 1 – Per Line – Monthly	7.00	
		Feature Package 2 – Per Line – Monthly	8.00	

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