

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: VERIZON RHODE ISLAND  
ALTERNATE FORM OF REGULATION PLAN

DOCKET NO. 3692

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1-1 and 39-3-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a hearing on **Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 9:30 AM** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and time to time as required.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of a filing made by Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon”) seeking approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation plan methodology (“Plan”) that will regulate Verizon’s intrastate services. The proposed plan will provide Verizon with operating and pricing flexibility in order to continue to compete in the telecommunications market in Rhode Island. Under the Plan, Verizon proposes the following:

- Verizon will be allowed to changes rate and charges for all regulated services in response to market conditions.
- Beginning in 2006, Verizon will reduce the monthly state subsidy for Lifeline customers who subscribe to Unlimited Basic Exchange Service by \$1.00. Verizon will reduce the monthly state subsidy by \$.17 to a level of \$3.50 for Lifeline customers who subscribe to Measured Service. In 2007, the Lifeline monthly state subsidy for Lifeline customer with Unlimited Service will decrease by \$1.00 to a level \$3.50.
- The aggregate rates associated with all intrastate switched access services will not be increased, except in response to an event such as a change in tax laws and other regulatory, judicial or legislative changes affecting the telecommunications industry.
- Verizon proposes to no longer be required to file the following reports: 1) annual financial reports and shall have the flexibility in regards to the depreciation of its plant and investment; 2) competitive profile reports; and 3) monthly service quality reports and service quality penalties will no longer be applicable.

- Price for access to Verizon's unbundled network elements and interconnection with Verizon facilities and equipment and level of wholesale discount will continue to be in accordance with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.
- Verizon proposes that the term of the Plan shall be indefinite.

The filing and related information is on file for examination at the Commission's office and at the office of Verizon Rhode Island, 234 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The filing can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3692page.html](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/3692page.html).

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500 SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.**

Luly E. Massaro  
Commission Clerk  
November 25, 2005