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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 March 5, 2006, tariff material consisting of:

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In this filing, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) proposes to reduce the termination liability it charges to FlexGrow® customers who discontinue the service prior to the completion of a term commitment or minimum service period. The termination charges for these customers will now be 25% of the monthly recurring charges for the remainder of the term.

This filing also proposes the addition of tariff provisions that allow customers to avoid termination penalties when relocating service, upgrading to a new term plan, or upgrading to a service of higher speed or capacity under a term commitment.

Verizon certifies that the rates for FlexGrow Service offered with the revised termination liability are not less than the Long Run Incremental Costs of providing the service.

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

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6.2 Enhanced FlexGrow® Service

6.2.2 General	
D.	The Telephone Company will, if necessary, further route private line or dedicated services within the same Local Access Transport Area (LATA) between the digital hubbing arrangement in the customer's serving central office and a suitable digital hubbing arrangement in a remote central office. At either the customer's serving central office or the remote central office, the private line or dedicated channels which are terminated in a digital hubbing arrangement can be electronically connected to compatible channels designated by the customer or authorized representative. Initial service activation is required for a DS1 facility. Additional activity subsequent to the initial installation is required on a DS0 basis if capacity is available.
E.	Feature Packages – Discounted billing arrangements are available for business customers who subscribe to one of the following feature packages for a minimum of one year.
1.	Package No. 1 — Call Waiting, Call Forwarding and Call Waiting ID with Name
2.	Package No. 2 — Call Waiting, Call Forwarding and Caller ID
3.	Package No. 3 — Call Forwarding, Three-way Calling and Caller ID
4.	Package No. 4 — Call Waiting, Three-way Calling and Call Waiting ID with Name
5.	Package No. 5 — Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-way Calling, and Caller ID
6.	Package No. 6 — Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three-way Calling, and Call Waiting ID with Name
7.	All features are subject to their individual service regulations specified elsewhere in this tariff.
F.	Both the feature packages described above and the features that are offered to subscribers of Centrex Plus service, described in Part H, Section 5 of this tariff, are available to Enhanced FlexGrow customers.

6.2.3 Regulations	
A.	Enhanced FlexGrow® Service is provided subject to the availability of facilities for a minimum service period of one year.
B.	Enhanced FlexGrow® Service is available on a digital basis at the network interface on the customer's premises.
C.	Enhanced FlexGrow® Service arrangements must have at least one DS0 channel activated. The total number channels activated by the customer may not at any time exceed the total Enhanced FlexGrow® Service capacity.
D.	Enhanced FlexGrow® Service must be channelized in a single equipment location on the customer's premises. Multiple customer locations must be served by one or more separate DS1 Enhanced FlexGrow System(s).
E.	Direct Inward Dialing capability is available on PBX trunks at the rates specified in Part C, Section 5, of this Tariff.
F.	Customers can elect one of three different options at the time Enhanced FlexGrow® is ordered. The service can be ordered (a) on a month-to-month basis, (b) under a two-year commitment, and (c) under a three-year commitment.

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6.2.4 Termination Liability	
C.	Early termination charges will not be assessed under the following circumstances:
1.	The 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;
2.	The customer attempts to move the existing service to a new location within the Company's service area, but the service is unavailable;
3.	The 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
4.	The customer changes to another service or upgrades service to a higher speed or capacity under a term commitment, provided the following conditions are met:
a.	The value of the new term commitment is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the current term commitment,
b.	The Company provides the new service via tariff or Individual Case Basis (ICB) and,
c.	The order to discontinue the existing service and the order for the new or upgraded service are received by the Company at the same time.

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6.2.5 Responsibility of the Customer	
A.	It is the responsibility of the customer (or any other party of interest such as the applicant for service or the owner or operator for the premises or the builder) to provide in a manner satisfactory to the Telephone Company and without cost to the Telephone Company a means of access to the facilities into the building; space for mounting the necessary terminals and equipment; an environment suitable for equipment; and, where required, a means to reach each floor and each suite or office on each floor where service is desired.

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6.2.6 Responsibility of the Telephone Company	
A.	The Telephone Company's responsibility ends at the Demarcation Point and does not include maintaining operational capability of customer provided equipment. Customers must provide and maintain customer premises equipment at their own expense.
B.	The Telephone Company undertakes to maintain and repair the facilities which it furnishes in order to provide Enhanced FlexGrow® Service. The customer may not rearrange, disconnect, remove, or attempt to repair any equipment installed by the Telephone Company without prior written consent of the Telephone Company.

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6.2.7 Variable Term Payment Plan	
A.	The monthly rates for Enhanced FlexGrow are offered under the VTPP as described herein and in Part A, Section 1. The VTPP monthly rates are payable over the following Optional Payment Periods (OPP) as selected by the customer.
1.	The available OPPs for Enhanced FlexGrow are month-to-month, 24 months and 36 months.

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6.2.8 Application of Rates and Charges	
A.	Enhanced FlexGrow monthly rate includes the monthly rate for the business basic exchange service line and/or the Centrex Plus line.
1.	Usage rates apply as appropriate.
B.	Compatible optional features or optional Centrex Plus features which are not included herein are available at tariff rates specified within this tariff.

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