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Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect March 15, 2008, tariff material consisting of:

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With this filing, Verizon proposes to grandfather Information Delivery Services (IDS).

IDS consists of 976 (NXX) and 940 (NXX) services and facilities for connecting callers to sponsor-provided passive or interactive recorded announcements or live programs within the exchanges which constitute the IDS Serving Areas. These services enable a caller to dial a particular number assigned to an Information Provider (IP) and receive the IP's announcement or program. The announcements or programs include various topics such as weather, job information, adult chat lines, and wake-up service. Demand for these services has been steadily declining as more attractive alternatives such as the Internet and cellular services have proliferated in the marketplace.

Verizon proposes to grandfather these services effective March 15, 2008. As of that date, these services will be available only to existing customers at their current locations.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa L. O'Brien". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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Attachments

Verizon New England Inc.

9. Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)
9.7 Information Delivery Service (IDS)

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The regulations contained herein are in addition to those specified in Section 1.

9.7.1 Definitions	
	Announcement Services —include passive recorded announcement, interactive recorded announcement, or recorded information message programs, whether provided as audible programs or as text or facsimile services. These programs include general information programs that are assigned to the 976 IDS exchange and adult information programs that are assigned to the 940 IDS exchange. Adult programs include those which are adult or sexually suggestive in any way or contain matter which, in the sole discretion of the Telephone Company, implicitly or explicitly invites, describes, stimulates, excites, arouses, or otherwise refers to sexual conduct or innuendo.
	Information Provider (IP) —An individual, partnership or corporation that subscribes to network transmission facilities of the Telephone Company and is responsible for the provision of announcement services.
	Interactive Recorded Announcement —A pre-recorded announcement program that prompts a caller to use a dual tone multi-frequency dialing or signaling device, or some other means, to communicate with an information provider's equipment for the purpose of receiving selected pre-recorded messages.
	Passive Recorded Announcement —A pre-recorded announcement program whereby a caller hears, or otherwise receives, one complete cycle of an IDS message from the inception of the connection without additional input by the caller.
	Patron —A caller to an IDS number is a patron of an information provider as well as a customer of the Telephone Company.
	Transport Call Rate —The amount the Telephone Company charges a patron to transport each call complete to an IDS number.

9.7.2 Description	
A.	IDS consists of services and facilities furnished to Information Providers (IP). This service enables a caller (patron) within the State of Rhode Island to dial a particular central office code and number and receive an information provider's pre-recorded announcement. The Telephone Company furnishes the network transmission facilities necessary to transport IDS calls to the IP's premises and does not participate in the development or provision of the provider's announcement service. A patron completing a call to an IDS number will be charged by the Telephone Company for the transport of the call. In addition, an IP may impose a charge on a patron receiving an announcement, as specified in Section 9.7.8f.
B.	The establishment of IDS shall be initiated through a signed Application for information delivery service to the Telephone Company by the IP.

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9.7.2 Description	
C.	IDS numbers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis in order of application. If more than one provider applies for the same number at the same time, the Company will have sole discretion for the assignment of the number.
D.	IDS access lines are provided as incoming service only.
E.	Service is furnished upon the condition that the IP provides sufficient announcement equipment.
F.	IDS is not intended for use in connection with services other than announcement services.
G.	IDS announcements which forward or refer callers to non IDS telephone numbers for the purpose of IDS are prohibited.
H.	Service is furnished subject to the availability of suitable facilities and the requirements of main telephone exchange and MTS.
I.	Patrons who wish to prevent use of their telephones for calls to IDS numbers may subscribe to selective blocking service.

9.7.3 Limitations	
A.	Current limitations do not permit billing for IDS calls for certain types or classes of calls. Where feasible, the following will be denied access to IDS numbers.
1.	Calls from PASL service
2.	Collect, bill to third number, and calling card calls
3.	Calls from toll denied or restricted lines
4.	Calls from hotel/motel and hospital toll access trunk lines that are routed to special operator equipped locations
5.	Calls from public access lines.

9.7.4 Provisions for Other Services	
A.	An initial listing for an IDS number will be inserted in a Telephone Company directory of the IP's choice at no additional charge. Rates and charges apply for listings in additional telephone directories and for other listing services.

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9.7.5 Responsibility of the Telephone Company	
A. Liability—	The Telephone Company is not liable for damages, losses or expenses arising from the assignment or reassignment of a provider's IDS number.
1.	The Telephone Company shall not be liable for calls that cannot be completed as a result of repair or maintenance difficulties on Telephone Company facilities and equipment or on equipment owned by the IP.
2.	The Telephone Company shall not be liable for lack of available IDS facilities.
3.	The Telephone Company assumes no liability for the quality, defects in, or content of messages.
B.	IDS access lines are furnished, installed and maintained by the Telephone Company in accordance with regulations, rates and charges as for one-party measured business main telephone exchange service lines or business service trunk lines. The Telephone Company will determine the location of central offices used to provide IDS.
C.	The Telephone Company retains ownership of all IDS numbers and prohibits an IP from assigning the use of an IDS number to another IP. The assignment of a telephone number of an IDS program is at the sole discretion of the Telephone Company and may be based on the nature of the IDS announcement or program and its related advertising. There is no PUC review regarding the Telephone Company's decision on the assignment of programs to the 940 exchange.
D.	The Telephone Company reserves the right to change the number of any IDS announcement based on the nature of the announcement or its advertising, for which appropriate Service charges and IDS NRCs apply.
E.	In the event that messages on an IP's announcement or other equipment are found to be unlawful by an appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency, the Telephone Company reserves the right to refuse to provide or terminate IDS upon receipt of an order from that agency so directing.
F.	If the use of IDS causes impairment, disruption, or deterioration of general telephone services, the Telephone Company reserves the right to terminate the service.
G.	The Telephone Company may withdraw IDS lines from any IP who does not commence operations of IDS within four months from the date service is ordered or, if for any reason facilities are not available on that date, within ten business days following the first day IDS facilities become available.
H.	The Telephone Company will provide to the general public, upon request, the complete name, address, and a telephone number of the IP in response to inquiries and comments referring to the IP's services.
I.	The Telephone Company will determine the types of calls or classes of service that may or may not be permitted to access IDS numbers.

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9.7.6 Responsibility of the Information Provider	
A.	The IP must subscribe to the number of IDS access lines in a hunting arrangement initially and subsequently as may be required by the Telephone Company to adequately serve all calls to a given IDS number and to prevent blockage and disruption of the network by uncompleted IDS calls.
B.	IP provision of any particular announcement service shall not preclude another IP from providing the same or similar announcement service.
C.	A telephone number, other than an IDS number, will be maintained by the IP for the purpose of receiving patron's inquiries or those of others.
D.	The IP shall provide continuous, uninterrupted announcement service. The IP's equipment must allow synchronous access to an announcement service message by a calling party within 30 seconds. This equipment must also provide an off-hook condition (answer supervision) at the beginning of each IDS call and an on-hook condition (disconnect supervision) upon the completion of a full announcement cycle time duration. If at any time the IP's announcement service is not operational, callers must be met by a busy or ring don't answer signal.
E.	The IP has exclusive responsibility and control over the content, quality, and characteristics of messages recorded on its announcement or other equipment. The IP shall exclude from messages any matter, the dissemination of which is prohibited by law, or by rules, regulations or order of any governmental agency. Patrons who complain about unlawful content of messages occurring on an IP's announcement or other equipment will be referred to the appropriate District Attorney's office.
F.	The IP indemnifies and saves the Telephone Company harmless against all claims and any fines, damages or other penalties of any kind whatsoever including reasonable costs and attorney's fees associated therewith, arising from the messages transmitted over facilities furnished hereunder including claims for libel, or any other claims, and against all claims and any fines, damages or other penalties associated therewith, arising out of any act or omission of the IP or of the calling party in connection with facilities provided by the Telephone Company.
G.	At the time of application for IDS or upon request of the Telephone Company, the IP must provide the Telephone Company with the name of its announcement and any related advertising, a description of its announcement content, the expected busy hour, busy hour call volumes, and average and maximum length for each IDS program. This information may be used for such purposes as the Telephone Company deems appropriate, including but not limited to the assignment of programs to the 976 or 940 exchange codes and patron inquiries.
H.	The IP must provide at least 60 days written notice to the Telephone Company whenever the nature of the program is to be changed. Fifteen days prior to such changes, the IP must publicize the changes in all promotional materials. The IP must provide 30 days notice whenever the maximum length of the program is to be changed.

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9.7.6 Responsibility of the Information Provider	
I.	The IP must provide an introductory message on announcement programs for which the price for any minute or any minimum charge exceeds \$1.00. This message must describe the type of service that has been reached and state the total charge for the call or the charge for the first minute and each additional minute of the call. Such charges will include the Telephone Company's rate to transport the call and IP charges where applicable.
J.	All announcement programs, for which the charge for any minute is \$3.00 or more, must also include an introductory message containing the same information as specified in Section 9.8.6I. In addition, the introductory message for such calls must state that if the caller hangs up immediately after the introductory message there will be no charge for the call. The introductory message for such calls shall not exceed 15 seconds. No charges by either the Telephone Company or the IP will apply if the caller terminates the call within 20 seconds after the initial connection of the call.
K.	The IP shall comply with all applicable laws or unfair and deceptive advertising.
1.	In each IP advertisement, publication or other communication containing the IDS telephone number to be called, an IP shall prominently display the information listed below and IP advertisements on broadcast media also shall state this information in a clear, conspicuous and audible manner including a visual printed message for video or television advertising. The aforementioned information is as follows.
a.	Its name
b.	The program name as listed with the Telephone Company
c.	The geographic area within which the IDS call can be completed
d.	The total charge per call or charge per minute for each call.
2.	All IDS advertisements directed to children under 12 years old also shall include an admonition to seek parental permission before calling and shall indicate that charges are involved in making the call. Advertising for such programs also must use language that is clear and understandable by children and cannot repeat the IDS telephone number to be called without a corresponding repetition of both the charge per minute or per call and the parental consent admonition.
3.	All IDS programs containing a cross promotion to another IDS program shall include an announcement of the price of the cross promoted IDS program.

9.7.7 Regulations	
A.	Temporary Suspension of Service is not applicable to IDS.

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9.7.8 Application of Rates and Charges	
A.	Upon customer request, all charges rendered by the Telephone Company for calls to IDS numbers, from the first month they appear on the bill until that bill is received and reviewed by the customer, will be waived if the customer asserts lack of knowledge that the calls were being made or of the charges for such calls. Such charges also will be waived for customers who are eligible for Selective Blocking service, if such charges are incurred between the time selective blocking is requested and the time it is implemented on that customer's line.
B.	Rates and charges to an information provider for IDS access lines are as for one-party measured business service lines or business service trunk lines.
C.	Where the IP is not located within the IDS serving central office, foreign exchange service or foreign central office service rates apply.
D.	Local usage and MTS charges, other than those specified herein, are not applicable to calls made to IDS numbers, nor are such calls chargeable against local usage allowances.
E.	Service charges apply, as appropriate, for each line hunting arrangement.
F.	In addition to the NRCs, service charges apply, as appropriate.
G.	Service establishment charges and establishment of additional announcement program charges also apply.
H.	Network transport charges are applicable to the IDS patron for all calls, all days, all hours and are incurred on a per call basis, for the first minute or fraction thereof and for each additional minute or fraction thereof.
I.	The IDS IP also may impose a charge on the patron receiving an announcement at rates determined by the provider. The IP's charge may be included with the Telephone Company's transport charge or may be billed separately by the IP.

9.7.9 Billing and Collection	
A.	Collection of amounts owed by a patron for IDS calls will not involve termination of access to the local network.
B.	Billing and collection for IPs provides for the recording and rating of completed calls to an IP's line, preparation and processing of customer bills in accordance with the Telephone Company's normal billing cycles, mailing or rendering of bill statements to the IP's patron, and the collection of monies due from an IP's patron, including taxes.
C.	The billing and collection charge, applies to an IP for each intraLATA call billed by the Telephone Company on behalf of an IP. The charge does not apply to calls for which charges are waived by the Telephone Company as specified within Section 9.7.8A. The change in IP charge rate applies per IP request to change the rate or rates it charges patrons to complete a call to an announcement program.

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9.7.9	Billing and Collection
D.	An IP may not rebill the Telephone Company or the customer for any IDS charges that the Telephone Company has waived as specified in Section 9.7.8A, or in accordance with the Telephone Company's adjustment practices.

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1. Exchange and Network Services
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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Service Establishment	One Time Charge – Per location for initial establishment of IDS which includes 1 announcement program.	500.00	
		One Time Charge – Per program for establishment of additional announcement programs	200.00	
	IDS Patron Charges	Transport – All calls, all days, all hours – 1 st minute or fraction thereof	.10	
		Transport – All calls, all days, all hours – Each additional minute or fraction thereof	.06	
	Billing and Collection	Per billed IDS call	.10	
	Change in IP Charge	NRC – Per request	100.00	

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1.9.3 Call Completion Platform Services				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	BAAN-Single Rate Platform	Customer Dialed-Calling Card Usage – Per minute or fraction thereof	.15	
		Customer Dialed-Collect Usage – Per minute or fraction thereof	.15	
		Customer Dialed-Calling Card – Incremental Charge – Per call	.75	
		Customer Dialed-Collect – Incremental Charge – Per call	1.75	
		Percentage Discount – Residence – OCP Customer Dialed Calling Card calls	25%	