STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: VERIZON RHODE ISLAND

DOCKET NO. 3955

ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2008, Verizon Rhode Island ("Verizon") filed a tariff with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to increase its Returned Check charge from \$15.00 to \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2008, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") filed a memorandum indicating that it had reviewed Verizon's filing and did not recommend suspension of the tariff; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2008, the Commission suspended the tariff to conduct further investigation; and

WHEREAS, after further investigation the Commission determined that Verizon's cost to process a returned check does not exceed the current charge of \$15.00; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2008, at an open meeting, the Commission deliberated on Verizon's proposal and denied Verizon's request to increase the Returned Check charge from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

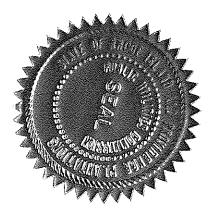
Accordingly, it is

(19419) ORDERED:

1. Verizon Rhode Island's proposal to increase its Returned Check charge from \$15.00 to \$25.00 is hereby denied.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JULY 30, 2008, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON JULY 30, 2008. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED SEPTEMBER 17, 2008.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Elia Germani, Chairman

Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

Mary E. Bray Commissioner