

**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



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