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Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect June 14, 2008, tariff material consisting of:

PUC RI No. 15

Part/Section	Revision of Pages	Original of Pages
A/1	22	N/A

With this filing, Verizon Rhode Island ("Verizon RI") introduces a late payment charge for residential customers. A customer shall be given 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the bill for payment in full. If payment is not received by the customer's next billing date, a late payment charge of 1.5% will be applied to all outstanding amounts. Verizon RI will not assess a late payment charge on pending disputed amounts, final accounts, or on outstanding charges subject to an approved, deferred customer payment arrangement. In addition, Verizon RI will not assess a late payment charge on Lifeline accounts.

The late payment charge is an avoidable charge that will affect only those residence customers who have not paid their bills in a timely manner. Please note that although the proposed tariff becomes effective June 14, 2008, the first appearance of this charge will not be until customers' July 2008 bills.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Pat Tapley of my staff at 401 525-2133.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff pages. Please return a copy of this letter with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa L. O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Theresa L. O'Brien

Attachments

Verizon New England Inc.

**1. Tariff Information and General Regulations**

**1.5 Responsibility of the Customer**

<b>1.5.3 Liability</b>	
<b>A.</b>	In case of damage, loss, theft or destruction of equipment and facilities furnished by the Telephone Company, the customer may be required to pay the expense incurred by the Telephone Company to replace or restore the equipment and facilities to its original condition.

<b>1.5.4 Notification for Termination of Service</b>	
<b>A.</b>	The right is reserved to require notice of not less than ten days of the customer's desire to terminate the service.

<b>1.5.5 Payment of Bills</b>	
<b>A.</b>	The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service in accordance with the following provisions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bills are due when rendered and are payable at an office of the Telephone Company.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Delayed payment of bills may result in the interruption or discontinuance of the customer's service.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The customer is required to pay, in accordance with the Telephone Company's established collection and billing practice, all charges for exchange, end user access and private line services; MTS messages, including charges for messenger service; and for all services billed by the Telephone Company for other carriers.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The customer is held responsible for all charges for telephone service rendered at the customer's telephone, both exchange and MTS, including charges for MTS messages on which the charges have been made collect.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>B. Late Payment</b>	
1.	For business customers, all amounts outstanding 25 days or more from the date on which the bill for such amounts is mailed are subject to a late payment charge of 1.5%.
2.	Residence customer bills for service are due on the due date specified on the bill. A customer shall be given 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the bill for payment in full. If payment is not received by the customer's next billing date, a late payment charge of 1.5% will be applied to all previously unpaid charges with the exceptions specified in Section 1.5.5.B.3. (N)
3.	The late payment charge does not apply to the following items. (T)
a.	Any disputed amount; however it is applicable to all undisputed portions of a bill on which a dispute is pending.
b.	Final accounts; however any late payment charges included in the balance on a final statement are still due.
c.	Residential accounts in an approved deferred payment arrangement. (N)
d.	Lifeline accounts (N)
<b>C. Returned Check—</b>	Whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written, a returned check charge applies, per check or draft written.