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

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect October 17, 2008, tariff material consisting of:

**RI PUC No. 15**

Part/Section	Revision of Page(s)	Original of Page(s)
A/15	25, 25.2, 26, and 26.1	N/A
M/1	63.2	N/A

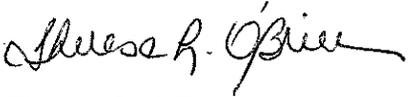
In this filing, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) proposes to eliminate the additional line option as a qualifier for the Regional Essentials Voice Discount plan. Verizon also proposes to restrict the Voice Discount to the customer’s primary line for both the Regional Essentials and the Regional Value Voice Discounts.

Additionally, administrative changes are being made to clarify tariff language in Part A, Section 15, Paragraphs 15.13.1.B and 15.14.1.A to specify that the intraLATA toll usage included in the Regional Essentials and Regional Value plans is “unlimited” intraLATA toll usage. Also, tariff language in Part A, Section 15, Paragraphs 15.13.1.D and 15.14.1.C is revised to accurately reflect the available discounts to Regional Essentials and Regional Value.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Theresa L. O'Brien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Theresa L. O'Brien

Attachments

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**15. Service Packages**

**15.13 Regional Essentials**

15.13.1 Description	
<b>A.</b>	Regional Essentials is a billing arrangement which provides residence customers with a combination of a dial-tone access line, local usage, intraLATA toll usage, and an optional feature package for a single monthly rate.
<b>B.</b>	Regional Essentials includes one-party unlimited local exchange service and unlimited intraLATA toll usage. In addition, customers may select any three of the following value added services: (T)
1.	Call Waiting
2.	Caller ID or Caller ID - Number Only, or Call Waiting ID With Name, or Call Waiting ID Deluxe
3.	Call Forwarding Busy Line Don't Answer, Call Forwarding Busy Line, Call Forwarding Don't Answer
<b>C. Availability</b>	
1.	Regional Essentials is available to one-party residence customers whose basic exchange service and intraLATA toll service are provided over Verizon Telephone Company access lines.
2.	Regional Essentials is not available to customers receiving a Lifeline reduction in monthly basic exchange service rates. Regional Essentials is also not available to customers with ISDN, Centrex, or Student Centrex services.
3.	Regional Essentials is not available in conjunction with other local or intraLATA toll calling plans or packages.
<b>D.</b>	Regional Essentials does not qualify for other discount plans offered elsewhere in this tariff with the exception of the following discount(s):
1.	A bundle discount applies to qualified Regional Essentials customers as specified in 15.13.2.D and 15.13.2.E.
2.	A voice discount applies to qualified Regional Essentials customers as specified in 15.13.2.F. (T)

15.13.2 Application of Rates and Charges	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Monthly Rates</b> - The Regional Essentials rate applies in lieu of the monthly rates that would otherwise apply for the individual services included in the Regional Essentials service offer.
<b>B.</b>	The Regional Essentials rate applies to customer dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls and to operator dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls if facilities are not available for customer dial completion. The rate also applies to operator dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls for handicapped persons unable to dial calls because of their handicap.
<b>C.</b>	Service charges for installation of a network access line or changing the class or grade of service do not apply when a customer is also subscribing to Regional Essentials plan. Service charges do not apply to add or change a feature.

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<b>15.13.2 Application of Rates and Charges</b>	
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>Voice Discount</b> provides a discount to residential customers who agree to subscribe their primary line to Regional Essentials and a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan as described below, for a 12-month term. The Voice Discount is available on a customer's primary line only and is not available on an additional line.</p> <p>The Voice Discount is available to customers (i) who call Verizon Rhode Island to disconnect their Verizon dial tone service and agree to retain the service; or (ii) establish dial tone service with Verizon Rhode Island after disconnecting their dial tone service from another provider.</p> <p>Customers will not automatically be enrolled in this offering. The Voice Discount will be provided to qualifying customers only upon customer request or upon customer acceptance of a suggestion, recommendation, or offer of the discount made by Verizon.</p>
<b>1.</b>	The Voice Discount, as specified in Part M of this Tariff, will apply from the date it is implemented on a customer's account through the entire 12-month term of the customer's commitment.
<b>2.</b>	At the conclusion of the 12-month term, the customer's Voice Discount will renew continuously at the renewal discounts specified in Part M of this Tariff.
<b>3.</b>	If the eligible customer removes Regional Essentials or the qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan associated with Regional Essentials, the customer will lose the Regional Essentials Voice Discount.
<b>4.</b>	Qualifying unlimited long distance calling plans must be consistent with the Plan O Service - Unlimited as found in the Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc d/b/a Verizon Long Distance Posted Rates, Terms and Conditions.
<b>5.</b>	Each product must be purchased through or billed by Verizon Rhode Island.

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**15.14 Regional Value**

15.14.1 Description	
A.	Regional Value is a billing arrangement which provides residence customers with a combination of a dial-tone access line, local usage, and unlimited intraLATA toll usage for a single monthly rate. (T)
B.	<p><b>Availability</b></p> <p>1. Regional Value is available to one-party residence customers whose basic exchange service and intraLATA toll service are provided over Verizon Telephone Company access lines.</p> <p>2. Regional Value is not available to customers receiving a Lifeline reduction in monthly basic exchange service rates. Regional Value is also not available to customers with ISDN, Centrex, or Student Centrex services.</p> <p>3. Regional Value is not available in conjunction with other local or intraLATA toll calling plans or packages.</p>
C.	Regional Value does not qualify for other discount plans offered elsewhere in this tariff with the exception of the discounts described in 15.14.2.D and 15.14.2.E. (T)

15.14.2 Application of Rates and Charges	
A.	<b>Monthly Rates</b> - The Regional Value rate applies in lieu of the monthly rates that would otherwise apply for the individual services included in the Regional Value service offer.
B.	The Regional Value rate applies to customer dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls and to operator dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls if facilities are not available for customer dial completion. The rate also applies to operator dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls for handicapped persons unable to dial calls because of their handicap.
C.	Service charges for installation of a network access line or changing the class or grade of service do not apply when a customer is also subscribing to the Regional Value plan.
D.	<p><b>Wireless Bundle Discount</b> – A customer is eligible to receive a monthly discount on Regional Value when the customer also subscribes to an unlimited long distance calling plan and the following product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ONE-BILL<sup>®</sup> with Verizon Wireless 200 Minute Plan (excludes free nights and weekends)</li> </ul> <p>1. The discount provided will expire 12 months from the date it is implemented on a customer's account. At the end of the 12 months, regular rates apply. Discontinuance of any one of the services listed above will result in immediate termination of the discount. Customers are limited to one discount only and cannot combine discounts. Each product must be purchased through or billed by Verizon RI.</p> <p>2. Qualifying unlimited long distance calling plans must be consistent with Plan O Service – Unlimited as offered by Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. D/B/A Verizon Long Distance.</p>

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**15.14.2 Application of Rates and Charges**

- E. Voice Discount** provides a discount to residential customers who agree to subscribe their primary line to Regional Value for a 12-month term or Regional Value combined with a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan as described below, for a 12-month term. The Voice Discount is available on a customer's primary line only and is not available on an additional line.
- The Voice Discount is available to customers (i) who call Verizon Rhode Island to disconnect their Verizon dial tone service and agree to retain the service; or (ii) establish dial tone service with Verizon Rhode Island after disconnecting their dial tone service from another provider.
- Customers will not automatically be enrolled in this offering. The Voice Discount will be provided to qualifying customers only upon customer request or upon customer acceptance of a suggestion, recommendation, or offer of the discount made by Verizon.
1. The Voice Discount, as specified in Part M of this Tariff, will apply from the date it is implemented on a customer's account through the entire 12-month term of the customer's commitment.
  2. At the conclusion of the 12-month term, the customer's Voice Discount will renew continuously at the renewal discounts specified in Part M of this Tariff.
  3. If the eligible customer removes Regional Value or the qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan associated with Regional Value, the customer will lose the Regional Value Voice Discount.
  4. Qualifying unlimited long distance calling plans must be consistent with the Plan O Service - Unlimited as found in the Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc d/b/a Verizon Long Distance Posted Rates, Terms and Conditions.
  5. Each product must be purchased through or billed by Verizon Rhode Island.

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**1. Exchange and Network Services**  
**1.15 Service Packages**

1.15.14 Regional Essentials				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Regional Essentials	Monthly – FiOS Bundle Discount – Subscriber on or after February 16, 2008 – 24-month commitment – FiOS Internet (packages of less than 50M download speed)*	13.01	
		Monthly – FiOS Bundle Discount – 24-month commitment – any FiOS TV premium service tier*	17.01	
		Monthly – FiOS Bundle Discount – 24-month commitment – FiOS Internet (packages of less than 50M download speed) and any FiOS TV premium service tier*	17.00	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – additional line**	17.05	(C)
		Monthly – Voice Discount – additional line – Renewal	7.05	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – combined with a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan**	10.00	(C)
		Monthly – Voice Discount – combined with a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan – Renewal	7.00	

1.15.15 Regional Value				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Regional Value	Monthly – Per line equipped	27.04	
		Monthly – Wireless Bundle Discount – ONE-BILL <sup>®</sup> with Verizon Wireless 200 Minute Plan (excludes free nights and weekends)	5.00	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – 12-month term	17.05	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – 12-month term – Renewal	7.05	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – combined with a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan	15.00	
		Monthly – Voice Discount – combined with a qualifying unlimited long distance calling plan – Renewal	12.00	

\* The 24-month term commitment is limited to customers of record at existing locations on or before September 12, 2008.

\*\* Customers who currently receive the Voice Discount as a result of subscribing to an additional line may continue receiving this discount, but, as of October 17, 2008, subscription to an additional line will no longer be a qualifier for the Voice Discount. (C)  
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