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Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02888

In Re: Verizon Rhode Island – Proposal to Introduce the Residential Subdivision Extension Policy - Docket No. 4321

Dear Ms. Massaro,

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the “Division”) submits the following recommendations to the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) regarding Verizon’s proposed filing of a tariff entitled “Residential Subdivision Construction”.

The Division concurs with the basis for Verizon’s filing in that there are situations in the State of Rhode Island, particularly in non-FIOS areas, where Verizon is unable to recover the installation costs associated with extending its telephone network to serve new residential subdivisions. Verizon has agreed to include amended language to the proposed tariff that would provide the Division with the opportunity, though advanced notice, to review the utility company’s estimated installation costs and the charge to an applicant or customer when extending its network to a new subdivision. Verizon further agrees with the Division to remove the phrase “exercised in its sole discretion” in Part A, Section 2.1.6 B on page five of the proposed tariff.

With these revisions, to be re-filed by Verizon with the Commission, the Division does not object to the proposed tariff becoming effective. The Division appreciates the opportunity to submit these additional comments, and if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

  
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