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October 1, 2019

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 October 31, 2019, tariff material consisting of:

(PUC RI No. 18)

Part/Section	Revision of Page(s)	Original of Page(s)
B/2	N/A	2.2 & 2.3
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With this filing, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) proposes changes associated with the recent decision of the FCC in WC Docket 18-141, Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, Memorandum Opinion and Order (rel. August 2, 2019), granting forbearance from certain unbundling and resale requirements.



Email notice of this filing will be provided to CLECs and resellers who have subscribed to Verizon's industry-letter email list, and will also be posted to the Industry Letter Section of the Verizon Partner Solutions public website, located here:

<https://www22.verizon.com/wholesale/customernotifications/notifications.jsp>.

The text of the notice is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Manager Regulatory – RI

Attachment

October 1, 2019

Audience: RI CLECs, Resellers

Subject: Verizon Industry Letter: Revised Tariff Pages Tariff RI Nos. 18 and 22

This notice is to inform you that on October 1, 2019, Verizon Rhode Island (Verizon RI) filed revised pages for its Tariffs PUC No. 18 and No. 22 with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in order to implement two recent FCC orders granting forbearance relief from certain resale and unbundling requirements. Details may be found on Verizon RI's website at www.verizon.com/tariffs. The revised tariff pages are scheduled to become effective on October 31, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Verizon Account Manager.

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Verizon New England Inc.

2. Unbundled IOF Transport
2.1 Description

2.1.1	General
<p>J.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>Implementation of the DS1/DS3 Transport Forbearance Order</p> <p>This paragraph 2.1.1.J implements the actions taken by the FCC in WC Docket 16-143, et al., Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, et al., Report and Order on Remand and Memorandum Opinion and Order (rel. July 12, 2019), with respect to DS1 and DS3 dedicated transport.</p> <p>The terms “DS1 dedicated transport,” and “DS3 dedicated transport,” as used in this paragraph 2.1.1.J and in paragraph 2.1.1.K, below, mean unbundled Verizon transmission facilities, within a LATA, between Verizon wire centers or switches (as identified in the LERG), that are dedicated to particular customers or carriers and that provide, respectively, transmission at DS1 or DS3 levels: (a) whether provided or utilized as stand-alone UNEs, in combination with another UNEs, or commingled with non-UNE services or other arrangements; and (b) whether originally ordered as UNEs or created through the conversion of private line or special access circuits or other services of arrangements.</p> <p>For purposes of this paragraph: (a) a “Tier 1” wire center is a Verizon wire center identified as such (by a “Yes” in the column headed “Tier 1”) in Part B, Section 13; (b) a “Tier 2” wire center is a Verizon wire center identified as such (by a “Yes” in the column headed “Tier 2”) in Part B, Section 13; (c) a “Tier 3” wire center is a Verizon wire center not identified as a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 wire center in Part B, Section 13, including a Verizon wire center not listed in Part B, Section 13; (d) a dedicated transport “route” is as defined in 47 CFR § 319(d); (e) the two Verizon wire centers at either end of a dedicated transport route are the “endpoints” of the route; (f) the “DS3 triggering endpoint(s)” for a DS3 dedicated transport route are those endpoints of the route that are Tier 3 wire centers; and (g) the “DS1 triggering endpoint(s)” for a DS1 dedicated transport route are those endpoints that are either Tier 2 or Tier 3 wire centers. Pursuant to Sections 2.1.1B, 2.1.1.C and 2.1.1.E of this Tariff, above, dedicated DS1 transport is not available on an unbundled basis on any route neither of whose endpoints is a DS1 triggering endpoint, and dedicated DS3 transport is not available on an unbundled basis on any route neither of whose endpoints is a DS3 triggering endpoint.</p> <p>Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Tariff, including the preceding provisions of section 2.1.1, but subject to the transitional provisions set forth in subparagraphs (5) and (6), below, DS1 dedicated transport along a route is not available from Verizon where competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of each DS1 triggering endpoint of the route; and DS3 dedicated transport along a route is not available from Verizon where competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of each DS3 triggering endpoint of the route. For purposes of this paragraph, the wire centers for which competitive fiber is available within one-half mile are those listed in an August 1, 2019 Public Release of the FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau in WC Docket 18-141 (including any subsequent additions or modifications made to such list). For ready reference, the Verizon Rhode Island wire centers in Rhode Island listed in such Public Release are the following:</p>

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Verizon New England Inc.

5. Local Loops
5.1 Two Wire Links

5.1.1	Description
A.	Links provide a transmission facility between a distribution frame, or its equivalent, in the Telephone Company's central office, and the network interface device at the end user's premises. Links are always provisioned with a Telephone Company provided NID.
B.	<p>Two Wire Links— Available for the transmission of analog or digital signals between the Telephone Company's central office and the network interface device at the end user's premises.</p> <p>1. Analog (Basic Link)— Provides a channel for the transmission of analog signals with an approximate bandwidth of 300-3000 Hz from an end user's premises to a point of interconnection at a collocation arrangement in the Telephone Company's central office.</p> <p>2. Digital (ISDN Capable Link)— Provides an enhanced channel, equivalent to a two-wire loop less than 18,000 feet with total bridge tap less than 6,000 feet, from an end user's premises to a point of interconnection at a collocation arrangement in the Telephone Company's central office. The Telephone Company maintains the option to choose to provision these loops using either copper or fiber facilities. Digital two wire link facilities are equivalent to those used by the Telephone Company to support the Telephone Company's ISDN Basic Service^{1, 2} which operates digital signals at 160 kbps.</p>
C.	<p>Implementation of UNE Analog Loop Provisions of the Loop-Resale Forbearance Order</p> <p>1. This paragraph 5.1.1.C implements the actions taken by the FCC in WC Docket 18-141, Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, Memorandum Opinion and Order (rel. August 2, 2019), with respect to UNE Analog Loops. For purposes of this paragraph and of paragraph 5.1.1.D, "UNE Analog Loops" means unbundled two-wire or four-wire analog voice-grade copper loops, by whatever name such loops may be referred to in this Tariff or elsewhere, including, but not limited to, where the term "link" is used in lieu of "loop": (a) whether provided or utilized as stand-alone UNEs, in combination with another UNEs, or commingled with non-UNE services or other arrangements; and (b) whether originally ordered as UNEs or created through the conversion of private line or special access circuits or other services or arrangements.</p> <p>2. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Tariff, including the preceding provisions of section 5.1.1C, but subject to the transitional provisions set forth in subparagraphs 3 and 4, below, UNE Analog Loops are not available from Verizon.</p> <p>3. New purchases of or conversions to UNE Analog Loops that would be precluded under subparagraph (2), above, but that would otherwise be available under this Tariff, may be made for installations occurring through February 2, 2020, but may not be made for installations occurring after such date.</p> <p>4. Any UNE Analog Loops purchased as such or created by conversion at any time up to and including February 2, 2020 will continue to be provisioned through August 2, 2022 at the rates set forth in this Tariff, unless discontinued by the customer or terminated by Verizon for any reason authorized by this Tariff or by general regulations applicable to this Tariff (such as non-payment). After such date, Verizon will no longer provide or maintain any UNE Analog Loop.</p> <p>5. Nothing in this paragraph 5.1.1C is intended to expand the availability of UNE Analog Loops or to make such loops available if they would not be available but for this paragraph.</p>

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