

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

VERIZON RHODE ISLAND'S :
CARRIER-TO-CARRIER GUIDELINES, : DOCKET NO. 3195
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS :
AND REPORTS :

ORDER

On December 3, 2001, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approved certain carrier-to-carrier (“C2C”) service quality guidelines, entitled “*State of Rhode Island Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards and Reports*” (“C2C Guidelines”), to be used in Verizon Rhode Island’s (“VZ-RI”) monthly C2C reports to measure the quality of VZ-RI’s wholesale performance with respect to Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (“CLECs”) doing business in Rhode Island.¹ Among other things, the Commission’s Order required VZ-RI to

...file with this Commission within 30 days of its compliance filing with any other state Commission located in the Verizon service territory, as well as in the former Bell Atlantic territory (prior to its merger with GTE), any new metrics for the Commission’s consideration.²

On October 29, 2001, the New York Public Service Commission (“NYPSC”) ordered modifications to Verizon’s New York State Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards and Reports (“New York C2C

¹ See Order No. 16809 (issued December 3, 2001), approving the C2C Guidelines filed by VZ-RI on February 16, 2001, as modified (“C2C Order”).

² Id., at Ordering Para. 1.B.

Guidelines”).³ As required by this Commission’s C2C Order, on December 6, 2001, VZ-RI filed proposed revisions to its Rhode Island C2C Guidelines incorporating the modifications ordered by the NYPSC. The filing letter indicated that copies of the filing were also distributed to all parties listed on this docket’s service list. On January 24, 2002, the Division of Public Utilities & Carriers (“Division”) reviewed VZ-RI’s filing and recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines. At an open meeting on January 29, 2002, the Commission approved the modifications to VZ-RI’s C2C Guidelines for Rhode Island based on the NYPSC’s order of October 29, 2001.

On April 29, 2002, the NYPSC ordered further modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines.⁴ On May 29, 2002, VZ-RI filed proposed revisions to its Rhode Island C2C Guidelines incorporating the modifications ordered by the NYPSC. The filing letter indicated that copies of the filing were also distributed to all parties listed on this docket’s service list. On August 2, 2002, the Division reviewed VZ-RI’s filing and recommended approval of the proposed modifications to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines. At an open meeting on August 6, 2002, the Commission approved the modifications to VZ-RI’s C2C Guidelines for Rhode Island based on the NYPSC’s order of April 29, 2002.⁵

³ NYPSC Case No. 97-C-0139, Order Modifying Existing and Establishing Additional Inter-Carrier Service Quality Guidelines (issued October 29, 2001).

⁴ NYPSC Case No. 97-C-0139, Order Establishing Additional Inter-Carrier Service Quality Guidelines (issued April 29, 2002).

⁵ VZ-RI stated that the revised C2C Guidelines would be used for C2C reports beginning with May 2002 performance.

The Commission finds that incorporating the various modifications ordered by the NYPSC into the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines will improve the metrics and standards for measuring the quality of VZ-RI's wholesale performance with respect to CLECs doing business in Rhode Island, as well as promote uniformity within Verizon's service territory. In addition, we note that no CLEC has objected to the implementation of the NYPSC's modifications in the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines. Therefore, we presume that the implementation of the NYPSC's modifications in the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines will not adversely affect CLECs doing business in Rhode Island.⁶

Accordingly it is

(17109) ORDERED:

1. The modifications filed on November 6, 2001 by Verizon Rhode Island to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines, based upon the New York Public Service Commission's order of October 29, 2001 approving similar modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, are hereby approved.
2. The modifications filed on May 29, 2002 by Verizon Rhode Island to the Rhode Island C2C Guidelines, based on the New York Public Service Commission's order of April 29, 2002 approving similar modifications to the New York C2C Guidelines, are hereby approved.

⁶ Order No. 16809, at pp. 37-38.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, PURSUANT TO OPEN
MEETING DECISIONS ON JANUARY 29 AND AUGUST 6, 2002.
WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 20, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Elia Germani, Chairman

Kate F. Racine, Commissioner

Brenda K. Gaynor, Commissioner