

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

IN RE: VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF
AUTHORITY TO OPERATE IN SERVICE
AREAS ONE AND FOUR AND REQUEST
FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Docket No. 2007-C-3

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers' ("Division") Rules Governing Community Antenna Cable Services ("Cable Rules"), Verizon New England Inc. ("Verizon") hereby applies for Certificates of Authority to Operate for Service Areas One and Four.

II. VERIZON HAS COMPLIED WITH THE CABLE RULES FOR THE FILING OF A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE.

A. Verizon has received all certificates required by the Cable Rules.

The Cable Rules require that, prior to receiving a Certificate of Authority to Operate, an applicant must be granted a Compliance Order Certificate and Construction Certificate for the Service Area in question¹. The Division issued Verizon Compliance Order Certificates for Service Areas One and Four on March 7, 2008, and Verizon accepted those Certificates on March 7, 2008. The Division issued Verizon Construction Certificates for Service Areas One and Four on May 19, 2008.

¹ See Sections 3.4(a) and 3.5(a) of the Cable Rules.

B. Verizon's Application for a Certificate of Authority to Operate Complies with Section 3.5(c) of the Cable Rules.

Section 3.5 (c) of the Cable Rules requires an applicant for a Certificate of Authority to Operate to file with the Administrator:

a complete copy of the proposed customer contracts, rules and regulations; any and all changes; corrections; additions; and clarifications to documents previously filed with the Administrator and the Division; and any such amendments to these documents or the Administrator may require.

Prior to activation of service, each customer is given a copy of Verizon's Terms of Service (attached hereto as Exhibit 1). The Terms of Service details the complete terms and conditions of the provision of FiOSSM TV services to Verizon's customers. Verizon has also attached a complete informational tariff showing the rates and charges for its cable services in Service Areas One and Four (attached hereto as Exhibit 2). The tariff is purely informational since Service Areas One and Four will be subject to Effective Competition, under 47 U.S.C. §543 (l)(1), once Verizon begins offering cable services in the Service Areas. Verizon has also attached a copy of the company's privacy policy (Exhibit 3). Verizon is also pleased to inform the Division that its customer service offices for Service Areas One and Four will be located at: Narragansett Park Plaza, 705 Beverage Hill Ave, Pawtucket, RI 02861 and 400 Putnam Pike Smithfield, RI 02917. Verizon does not have any additional changes, corrections, additions, clarifications or amendments to its prior filings to offer at this time.

Verizon has complied with all applicable statutes, the Cable Rules and any additional terms, conditions and requirements which have been imposed on Verizon by the Administrator. With respect to such additional requirements, the Division granted Verizon New England Inc. Application for Certificates of Authority to Operate for Rhode Island Service Areas One and Four.

Verizon's Compliance Order Certificate pursuant, in part, to a Settlement Agreement between Verizon and the Advocacy Section that imposes certain payment, outreach and service obligations on Verizon. Verizon reaffirms here its commitment and intent to satisfy those obligations.

III. REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

As the Division knows, Verizon has been building out its FTTP upgrade of its Title II network for some years now. Verizon's system will be ready to commence actual service to the public in compliance with the timetable set forth in Section 8.2(h) of the Cable Rules. In order to avoid needless delay in the advent of real competition in the CATV market in Service Areas One and Four, Verizon requests that the Division consider and then grant this Application on an expedited basis.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Administrator should find that Verizon has complied with all applicable statutes, the Cable Rules (including Section 3.5(c) thereof) and all additional terms, conditions and requirements which have been imposed on Verizon by the Administrator. Verizon is eager to begin providing cable services to the residents of Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, Smithfield, North Smithfield, Woonsocket, East Providence, and Pawtucket. To that end, Verizon respectfully requests that the Division expeditiously schedule and conduct a public hearing and grant Verizon Certificates of Authority to Operate for Service Areas One and Four as soon as possible.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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