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*Via Electronic Mail*

Luly Massaro,  
Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket No. 23-10-TL**  
**Verizon Rhode Island's Tariff Filing to increase Residential Basic Exchange Services and Residential Service Packages**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, please accept for filing the attached memorandum from Joel Munoz, Rate Analyst, that provides the agency's comments regarding the above reference docket.

Thank you for your attention to this submission.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Gregory S. Schultz*

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On behalf of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Enclosure

cc: 23-10-TL Service List  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 17, 2023  
**TO:** Luly Massaro  
Clerk, Public Utilities Commission  
**FROM:** Joel A. Munoz  
Assistant to the Chief Accountant, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers  
**SUBJECT:** RIPUC Docket No. 23-10-TL, Verizon Rhode Island  
Tariff Filing to Change Residential Rates (3/29/23)

On March 29, 2023, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon”) filed a proposed tariff change to Residential rates that would increase the monthly rate by \$1.00 for Unlimited 1 Party and Measured 1 Party customers.

Product Name	Current Price	Proposed Price	% increase
Measured 1 Party	\$10.17	\$11.17	9%
Unlimited 1 Party	Range: \$16.30 – \$20.76	\$17.30 - \$21.76	4.6 - 5.8%

The filing also proposes to increase the Verizon funded monthly lifeline discount for measured service by \$1.00. To put this in regulatory context, the Commission, in 2006, approved the current Alternative Form of Regulation Plan (“Plan”) which essentially gives Verizon retail residential service pricing flexibility with the notable exception of stand-alone measured Lifeline service. In this filing Verizon increases its funded monthly lifeline discount for measured service by \$1.00, so that customers who subscribe to measured service with the Lifeline discount will not be affected by the proposed \$1.00 rate increase to measured service.

Additionally, the filing included a proposed monthly rate increase of \$5.00 for several Residential Packages (Local Package, Local Package Extra, Regional Package, Regional Package Extra, Regional Package Unlimited, Regional Essentials and Regional Value). The above-mentioned

packages, except for Regional Essentials and Regional Value, are no longer available for new customers. The following table summarizes the proposed changes:

Product Name	Current Price	Proposed Price	% increase
Local Package	\$60.99	\$65.99	7.6%
Local Package Extra	\$64.99	\$69.99	7.2%
Regional Package	\$68.95	\$73.95	6.8%
Regional Package Extra	\$73.99	\$78.95	6.3%
Regional Package Unlimited	\$64.00	\$69.00	6.2%
Regional Essentials	\$58.04	\$63.04	7.9%
Regional Value	\$56.04	\$61.04	8.2%

Noting Commission Order #19540, which provides for Division tariff review for compliance with the Plan and with no net impact on measured service lifeline customers, the Division believes the tariff filing in Docket 23-10-TL complies with the pricing flexibility limitations of the Plan (see Commission Order #18550). The proper tariff change fee was paid by check #90107001721. The Division has no objections to the filing and recommends that the Commission allow the proposed tariff filing changes to go into effect on May 1, 2023.