

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: VERIZON RHODE ISLAND** :  
**TARIFF FILING** : **DOCKET NO. 23-10-TL**

**ORDER**

On March 29, 2023, Verizon filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for increased rates to certain traditional telecommunications package offerings. The filing also increased rates for subscribers to measured lifeline service.<sup>1</sup> Order No. 19540, approving Verizon’s Successor Alternative Form of Regulation Plan (Successor Plan), presented a settlement between Verizon and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. In that order, the Commission allowed Verizon pricing flexibility, but required Verizon to continue offering measured lifeline service to customers at a charge of \$1.00 per month. This means that when Verizon increases rates, it must also increase any discount for this service to maintain the \$1.00 per month rate.<sup>2</sup> In compliance with that order, in the instant filing, Verizon also increased the amount of state support in order to maintain the \$1.00 per month charge.<sup>3</sup>

Under the approved Successor Plan, the Division is required to review Verizon’s filing for consistency with Order No. 19540. The Division filed a memorandum from Joel Munoz, Assistant to Chief Accountant, indicating that the amended tariff is consistent with the order. Accordingly, the Division recommended approval for effect May 1, 2023.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Verizon’s Tariff Filing (Mar. 29, 2023); [https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2023-03/23-10-TL-Verizon-Tariff\\_3-28-29.pdf](https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2023-03/23-10-TL-Verizon-Tariff_3-28-29.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 19540 (Jan. 21, 2009); [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/3692-VRI-Ord19540\(1-21-09\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/3692-VRI-Ord19540(1-21-09).pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Verizon’s Tariff Filing at page 1.1.

<sup>4</sup> Division Mem. (Apr. 17, 2023); [https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2023-04/2310-DIV-Memo\\_4-17-23.pdf](https://ripuc.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur841/files/2023-04/2310-DIV-Memo_4-17-23.pdf).

At an Open Meeting held on April 25, 2023, the Commission reviewed the record and approved the tariff for effect May 1, 2023, finding it to be consistent with Commission Order No. 19540.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24651) ORDERED:

Verizon Rhode Island's tariff, filed on March 29, 2023, is hereby approved for effect on May 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 1, 2023, PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION ON APRIL 25, 2023. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON APRIL 28, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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\*Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



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John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

\*Chairman Gerwatowski did not participate in the Open Meeting decision.

**Notice of Right of Appeal:** Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within 7 days from the date of the Order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or Order.