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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Luly Massaro
Clerk, Public Utilities Commission

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SUBJECT: RIPUC Docket No. 24-23-TL, Verizon Rhode Island
Tariff Filing to Change Residential Rates (5/30/24)

On May 30, 2024, Verizon Rhode Island filed a proposed tariff change which included a proposed monthly rate increase of \$5.00 for several Residential Packages (Value Pack, 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:

Produce Name	Current Price	Proposed Price
Local Package	\$65.99	\$70.99
Local Package Extra	\$69.99	\$74.99
Regional Package	\$73.95	\$78.95
Regional Package Extra	\$78.99	\$83.99
Regional Package Unlimited	\$69.00	\$74.00
Regional Essentials	\$63.04	\$68.04
Regional Value	\$61.04	\$66.04

To put these filings 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.

Noting PUC 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 amended tariff filing in Docket 24-23-TL complies with the pricing flexibility limitations of the Plan (see PUC Order 18550). The proper tariff change fee was paid by check #9107003884. The Division does not find the \$5.00 increases to be unreasonable or unconscionable. The Division recommends that the Commission approve the proposed amended tariff as filed to take effect on July 1, 2024.