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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect August 10, 2003, tariff material consisting of:

**RI PUC No. 15**

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This tariff filing proposes changes to Verizon's business service as follows:

- The measured business basic exchange rate is increased from \$17.91 per month to \$19.95 per month.
- A 24-month term commitment is introduced for measured business basic exchange at a discounted rate of \$18.95 per month.
- The per message (per call) rate for business measured local usage is reduced to \$.0125 from \$.014.
- The per minute rate for business measured local usage is increased to \$.037 from \$.035.

- The Message Telecommunications Service (MTS / regional toll) rate for the first 0 - 600 minutes of monthly usage is increased to \$.12 per minute from \$.10 per minute. There is no change for minutes over 600.

Customers choosing to purchase business basic exchange service under the 24-month term commitment will pay early termination charges for discontinuance unless they subscribe to another Verizon service of greater value or enter into a service commitment for another Verizon service and the term commitment of the new service is of a duration that is equal to or greater than the time remaining under the 24-month term commitment. Also, customers will not pay termination charges if the discontinuance occurs at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the term commitment.

Please note that with the exception of the change to the MTS rate, the changes will be implemented on a full bill period basis beginning on or after August 16, 2003. The MTS increase will be implemented on August 16, 2003, and will be reflected in any bill containing MTS usage charges incurred on or after that date.

Verizon certifies that the rates proposed in this filing are not less than the Long Run Incremental Cost of providing the services.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Frances O'Neill-Cunha of my staff at 401 525-3560.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Verizon New England Inc.

**5. Exchange Service**  
**5.2 Application of Rates and Charges**

5.2.1 Basic Exchange Services	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>Residence Service</b> is furnished on an unlimited and measured service basis in accordance with Section 5.1.2.</p> <p><b>1. Measured—</b> For one-party service, the local usage allowance is shown with the monthly rate.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Local usage in excess of the local usage allowance will be billed on an additional minute rate basis.</p> <p><b>b.</b> There is no credit for any unused allowance, nor can any unused allowance be applied to a past or future bill.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>Business Service</b> is furnished on an unlimited and measured service basis in accordance with Section 5.1.2.</p> <p><b>1. Measured—</b> Calls are provided on a per message, per minute basis.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Accumulation of local usage time for business measured service is done on a per second basis. At the end of the customer's billing period, the sum of accumulated seconds is rounded to the next higher minute.</p>
<b>C.</b>	<p>Business Measured Exchange Rates are offered as follows.</p> <p><b>1.</b> Month-to-month.</p> <p><b>2.</b> 24-month commitment.</p> <p><b>a.</b> If a customer terminates services during the first 18 months of the 24-month commitment, the customer will pay early termination charges as specified in (c) following. The customer will not pay termination liability charges under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the customer terminates the service during the first 18 months of the 24-month commitment in order to subscribe to another Verizon service of greater value.</li> <li>• If the customer terminates the service during the first 18 months of the 24-month commitment in order to subscribe to another Verizon service and commits to a term plan of a duration that is equal to or greater than the time remaining under the 24-month commitment.</li> <li>• If the customer terminates service at the end of the 18th month of the 24-month commitment.</li> </ul> <p><b>b.</b> At the end of the 24-month commitment, the customer will have the option of renewing the 24-month commitment or retaining the service under the standard month-to-month rate in effect at that time. If the customer does not notify the Telephone Company of its choice prior to the end of the 24-month commitment, the standard month-to-month rate will be applied.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Early termination charges will be calculated by taking the difference between the month-to-month rate and the 24-month commitment rate and multiplying it by the number of months in service.</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p>Rates for the aforementioned services include touch tone calling and are in addition to S&amp;E charges, and premises work charges.</p>

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**5.2 Application of Rates and Charges**

<b>5.2.2 Trunk Lines</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Trunk lines are furnished on a measured or an unlimited service basis in accordance with the service offerings for main telephone exchange service in each exchange.
1.	For trunk lines provided on an unlimited business service basis, monthly rates equate to 150% of the monthly one-party line unlimited service monthly exchange rate applying in the particular exchange or zone involved.
2.	For trunk lines provided on an unlimited residence service basis, monthly rates equate to the one-party line unlimited service monthly exchange rate applying in the particular exchange or zone involved.
3.	For trunk lines provided on a business and residence measured service basis, monthly rates equate to the one-party measured business or residence service monthly exchange rate. Trunk lines provided on a business measured service basis are not provided with the business measured service 24-month commitment rate.
a.	For trunk lines provided on a business measured service basis, local usage is the same as with business one-party line measured service.
b.	For trunk lines provided on a residence measured service basis, local usage is the same as with residence one-party line measured service.

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<b>5.2.3 Municipal Calling Service</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Municipal Calling service is a service arrangement provided on a non-optional basis to municipalities served by more than one exchange or zone where MTS charges would normally apply to calls between the exchanges or localities serving the same municipality. Dial station-to-station service, as defined in Section 9, within a municipality is not chargeable as MTS except for calls made to or from foreign exchange or foreign zone lines unless dial tone for the foreign exchange or foreign zone line is provided from a central office serving some portion of the municipality in which the foreign exchange line service address is located.
<b>B.</b>	Municipalities, serving exchanges and/or localities where municipal calling service applies are shown in Exhibit 5.2.3-1. Exchange classification is in accordance with regulations contained in Section 5.

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**11. Toll-Free Services**  
**11.1 Dedicated Toll Free Service (DTFS)**

<b>11.1.6 Application of Rates and Charges</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>Timing of Calls</b>— Except as otherwise specified herein, timing begins when connection is established between a telephone associated with a DTFS access line and the calling or called telephone, and ends when the calling telephone hangs up, thereby releasing the network connection. If the called telephone hangs up, but the calling telephone does not, timing ends when the network connection is released by automatic timing equipment in the telecommunications network.</p> <p>1. When DTFS is directly connected (i.e. not connected through a multi-line terminating system or terminal equipment) at a customer's premises to a communications system not subject to Part 68 of the FCCs rules and regulations, chargeable time begins when the DTFS call terminates in or passes through the first multi-line terminating system or terminal equipment on that communications system not subject to Part 68. It is the customer's responsibility to furnish appropriate answer supervision to the point of connection with DTFS so that chargeable time may begin.</p> <p>a. Chargeable time is measured in one-second increments.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>Channels for Additional Termination of Access Lines</b></p> <p>1. Between points in different buildings on the same premises, rates and charges apply for a Private Line Type 2001A extension line between the main building and other buildings on the same continuous property, as specified in Part B.</p> <p>2. For additional terminations between points in the same exchange but not on the same premises, or additional terminations between points in different exchanges, rates and charges apply for a Private Line Type 2001A intraexchange/interexchange channel.</p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>Disconnection of Service</b>— For connection of an access line for a customer at a location where an DTFS line was disconnected by the customer within the previous two weeks, charges for the service so established commence the day following the date on which the prior service was disconnected.</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>Basic Service Rates</b> for DTFS access lines are comprised of monthly rates and Service and Equipment (S&amp;E) charges for business measured service as described in Section 5. DTFS is not provided with the business measured service 24-month commitment rate. Usage rates also apply on a per minute rate and per message rate.</p> <p>1. For customers who have retained superseded unlimited business service lines, from the same premises as their DTFS, a monthly rate for each DTFS access line applies.</p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>Number Services</b></p> <p>1. To change each telephone number, S&amp;E charges apply as specified in Section 5.</p> <p>2. For line hunting, S&amp;E charges apply as specified in Section 5.</p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>Premises Work Charges</b> as specified in Section 3 apply, except they do not apply for service connected when regulations in Section 11.1.6C apply.</p>

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**12. Other Services**

**12.2 Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service (E911)**

12.2.7 Service Contract Payment Plan	
<b>E.</b>	<b>PSAP Premises Equipment</b> and associated E911 special service and data lines may be relocated on an out of service basis to a different premises served by the same central office.
1.	Termination charges do not apply and contractual billing for these service components continues unchanged.
2.	The customer is billed for the full cost of the relocation.
<b>F.</b>	<b>Relocation</b> — If a PSAP relocates on an out of service basis to a premises served by a different central office, the PSAP premises equipment is treated as specified above, however the E911 special service lines, data lines and interoffice channels, as appropriate, are subject to the provisions governing discontinuance and additions of service.
1.	In-service relocations of service components are subject to the provisions governing discontinuance and additions of service.
<b>G.</b>	<b>Payment Schedule</b> — Rates and charges and maximum payment periods are applicable under the Service Contract Payment Plan.
1.	<b>Vintage II</b> rates are effective on or after March 1, 1994 and supersede previous Vintage rates.
<b>H.</b>	<b>91E Line</b> — Rates and charges as for one-party measured business service lines apply. 91E lines are not provided with the business measured service 24-month commitment rate.
<b>I.</b>	<b>E911 Data Lines</b> — Rates and charges as for DDSII channels apply.

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**1. Exchange and Network Services**

**1.5 Exchange Service**

<b>1.5.1 Basic Exchange Services—Monthly Rates by Exchange Zone</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Residence – Unlimited 2 Party	West Warwick	15.26	
		Woonsocket	11.99	
	Business – Measured 1 Party	All Exchanges/Zones (except for West Gloucester) – Month-to-Month	19.95	(I)(T)
		All Exchanges/Zones (except for West Gloucester) – 24-Month Commitment - Monthly	18.95	(N)
		Local Usage – Per message	.0125	(R)
		Local Usage – Per minute	.037	(I)
	Business – Unlimited 1 Party	Block Island	36.49	
		Carolina	36.49	
		Hope Valley	41.30	
		Jamestown	41.30	
		Little Compton	41.30	
		Narragansett	36.49	
		Newport	36.49	
		North Kingstown	41.30	
		Pascoag	36.49	
		Portsmouth	36.49	
		Tiverton	43.81	
		Westerly	36.49	
		Woonsocket	43.81	

<b>1.5.2 Basic Exchange Services—Composite Statewide Monthly Rates Schedule</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Residence – Measured 1 Party	All Rate Groups	7.17	
		Local Usage Allowance – Minutes – Monthly – Per line	90	

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<b>1.5.2 Basic Exchange Services—Composite Statewide Monthly Rates Schedule</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Residence – Measured 1 Party	Local Usage Allowance – Lifeline customers only – Minutes – Monthly – Per line	180	
		Local Usage – Per additional minute	.037	
	Residence – Unlimited 1 Party	Rate Group A	13.30	
		Rate Group B	13.94	
		Rate Group C	14.26	
		Rate Group D	16.62	
		Rate Group E	17.65	
		Rate Group F	18.26	
	Residence – Unlimited 2 Party	Rate Group A	11.11	
		Rate Group B	11.64	
		Rate Group C	11.99	
		Rate Group D	14.15	
		Rate Group E	15.26	
		Rate Group F	15.86	
	Business – Measured 1 Party	All Rate Groups– Month-to-Month	19.95	(I)(T)
		All Rate Groups – 24-Month Commitment – Monthly	18.95	(N)
		Local Usage – Per message	.0125	(R)
		Local Usage – Per minute	.037	(I)
	Business – Unlimited 1 Party	Rate Group A	36.49	
		Rate Group B	41.30	
		Rate Group C	43.81	

<b>1.5.3 Basic Exchange Services—Superseded Services Monthly Rates by Exchange/Zone</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Residence – Unlimited 1 Party	West Gloucester	13.30	



**1. Exchange and Network Services**  
**1.9 Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)**

1.9.1 Message Telecommunications Service				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence	Initial and Overtime Periods - Day	.15	
		Initial and Overtime Periods - Evening	.10	
		Initial and Overtime Periods - Night	.05	
	Business	Per Message	.01	
		Tapered Schedule Per Minute Rate – First 0-600 minutes	.12	
		Tapered Schedule Per Minute Rate – Over 600 minutes – Per minute	.033	
	Customer Dialed Station-to-Station Sent Paid Coin Calls	Initial Period – Day – 0-11 Rate Airline Miles	.15	
		Initial Period – Day – 12 and Up Rate Airline Miles	.22	
		Overtime Period – Day – 0-11 Rate Airline Miles	.15	
		Overtime Period – Day – 12 and Up Rate Airline Miles	.22	
	Incremental Charges	Operator Dialed – Station to Station	2.50	
		Operator Dialed – Calling Card	2.50	
		Operator Dialed – Collect and Bill to Third Number	2.50	
		Operator Dialed – Person-to-Person	4.50	
		Customer Dialed – Calling Card	.95	
		Customer Dialed – Collect and Bill to Third Number	1.75	
		Corrections Collect Call	1.75	
		Customer Dialed – Collect and Bill to Third Number Mechanized	1.75	
		Customer Dialed – Person-to-Person	4.50	
		Customer Dialed – Coin-Paid Station-to-Station	.53	
		Operator Dialed – Coin-Paid Station-to-Station	.69	

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