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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect May 6, 2004, tariff material consisting of:

**RI PUC No. 15**

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With this filing, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) proposes to enhance the existing ISDN Primary Service offering by introducing multi-year term rates for selected VTPP (Variable Term Pricing Plan) volume packages. These lower rates are intended to reward customers for their loyalty when committing to multi-year service terms.

This filing also provides for a popular ISDN feature offering, Calling Line Identification, to be purchased under a term plan and eliminates a restriction to ISDN DID numbers.

Verizon certifies that the rates for providing ISDN Primary Service and the optional Calling ID feature under the VTPP Volume Plan 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

# **Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)**

## **PRIMARY SERVICES**

### **Introduction of Volume Term Plans**

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**TARIFF FILING SUPPORT PACKAGE**

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## Section 1: Background and Service Description

### Rationale:

The purpose of this tariff filing is to enhance the existing ISDN Primary Service offering by introducing multi-year term rates for selected VTPP (Variable Term Pricing Plan) volume packages. These lower rates are intended to reward customers for their loyalty when committing to multi-year service terms.

This filing also provides for a popular feature offering to be purchased under a term plan and eliminates a restriction to ISDN DID numbers.

This filing package proposes the following:

- 1) *Introduction of ISDN Primary VTPP Volume Packages*. Three new Volume Packages will be offered for ISDN Primary. The three packages will be based on volumes of PRIs to which the customer subscribes. Two- and three-year service terms will be offered in three tiers (1-10 PRIs, 11-20 PRIs, and 21+ PRIs). Non-recurring charges will not apply when customers subscribe to service under the VTPP Volume plans.
- 2) *Introduction of Calling Line ID and Calling Line ID with Name* term options for ISDN Primary customers who are enrolled in a VTPP Volume Plan or two- or three-year Corporate Rewards Plan.
- 3) *Elimination of the need for blocks of ISDN Primary DID numbers to be consecutive*. The Company no longer requires such numbers to be in consecutive order.

## SECTION 2: Rate Development

The target market for these proposed options are business customers. The proposed rates for these options are set at levels that would encourage customers to select long-term agreements for their ISDN Primary Service.

The proposed rates are as follows:

<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>NRC</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Rate</b>
Port	Package 1 (1 – 10 PRIs)		
	2-Year Term	0.00	\$409.00
	3-Year Term	0.00	\$381.00
	Package 2 (11 – 20 PRIs)		
	2-Year Term	0.00	\$390.00
	3-Year Term	0.00	\$362.00
	Package 3 (21+ PRIs)		
2-Year Term	0.00	\$371.00	
3-Year Term	0.00	\$344.00	

<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>NRC</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Rate</b>
LDC (Local Distribution Channel)	Package 1 (1 – 10 PRIs)		
	2-Year Term	0.00	\$175.00
	3-Year Term	0.00	\$164.00
	Package 2 (11 – 20 PRIs)		
	2-Year Term	0.00	\$168.00
	3-Year Term	0.00	\$156.00
	Package 3 (21+ PRIs)		
	2-Year Term	0.00	\$160.00
	3-Year Term	0.00	\$148.00

<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>NRC</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Rate</b>
Calling Line ID	Calling Line ID		\$40.00
	Calling Line ID w/ Name		\$60.00

Customers subscribing to ISDN Primary Service under a VTPP Volume Plan that disconnect service prior to the expiration of the term are subject to

termination liability charges. If a customer disconnects service prior to the minimum service period, the minimum service period charges will also apply. The chart below demonstrates how termination charges are calculated.

<b>Payment Period</b>	<b>Termination Month</b>	<b>Termination Charges</b>
24-Month VTPP Volume Package	1 – 12	Minimum Service Period times month-to-month rate
	13 – 24	Month-to-month rates minus the 24-month rate times the number of months in service
36-Month VTPP Volume Package	1 – 12	Minimum Service Period times month-to-month rate
	13 – 24	Month-to-month rates minus the 24-month rate times the number of months in service
	25 – 36	24-month rate minus the 36-month rate times the number of months in service

Verizon certifies that the rates for providing ISDN Primary Service and the optional Calling ID features under the VTPP Volume Plan are not less than the Long-run Incremental Cost of providing the services.

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10.6.1 Definitions	
<b>B Channel</b>	A 64 kbps digital message path capable of transporting voice and data.
<b>Clear Channel</b>	Provides for the full utilization of the 64 kbps bandwidth of a B channel. The line code used to provide 64 kbps clear channel capability is bipolar with 8 zero substitution (B8ZS), as specified in TR-NWT-000499.
<b>D Channel</b>	A 64 kbps digital message path used for signaling and control of the B channels.

10.6.2 Description	
<b>A.</b>	ISDN primary provides access to the Telephone Company's voice and circuit switched data transport services via a 1.544 Mbps digital path between ISDN compatible customer premises equipment and an ISDN equipped central office. ISDN primary includes DID which permits incoming dialed calls from the network to reach a specific station line of a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) or other customer premises equipment without the assistance of an attendant.
<b>B.</b>	ISDN primary is offered on a measured local service basis. No local usage allowance is provided.
<b>C.</b>	ISDN primary may be provided from the customer's normal central office, or from a foreign exchange or foreign central office, subject to the availability of facilities.
<b>D.</b>	ISDN primary is offered only from suitably equipped central offices, subject to availability of facilities and only within a Rhode Island Local Access and Transport Area (LATA).

10.6.3 Service Components	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Port</b> — An ISDN primary port provides the termination of the local distribution channel in the central office switch. Each port consists of a D channel for signaling and up to 23 B channels for transmission of voice and circuit switched data calls.
<b>B.</b>	<b>Local Distribution Channel</b> — A 1.544 Mbps two-way transmission path connecting a customer's premises with the port. The framing format for 1.544 Mbps transmission over the ISDN primary service local distribution channel is extended superframe as specified in TR-NWT-000499.
<b>C.</b>	<b>DID Capability</b> is furnished upon the condition that the customer must subscribe to and have adequate facilities to permit the use of service without injurious effect on general telephone service. ISDN primary DID numbers are provided in blocks of 100 numbers (or fraction thereof) at rates specified in Part M, Section 1.12.3.
<b>D.</b>	Customers may utilize alternate high capacity digital facilities that meet the specifications as determined by the Company in lieu of the ISDN Primary Facility specified herein. The applicable rules, regulations and rates from the appropriate Company Tariff will apply for the alternate high capacity digital facilities.
<b>E.</b>	The ISDN Primary Service Local Distribution Channel for the 2- and 3-year VTPP Volume plan and the 2- and 3-year Corporate Rewards plan includes mileage from the local central office to the customer's premise.

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<b>10.6.6 Responsibility of the Customer</b>	
<b>C.</b>	A customer provided channel service unit or equivalent functionality is required at each termination of an ISDN primary service local distribution channel on the customer's premises. The channel service unit must be compatible with the extended superframe framing format and the B8ZS line code.
<b>D.</b>	Customer provided switching systems must be arranged to provide for the interception of assigned but unused station numbers, including vacant station number groups as required.

<b>10.6.7 Regulations</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Minimum Service Period</b> for the ISDN primary port and local distribution channel is one year. The minimum service period for ISDN primary DID numbers is one month.
<b>B.</b>	<b>Provisions for Other Services</b> — A customer calling an ISDN primary telephone number can control the disclosure of his directory number by utilizing the blocking option specified for Phonesmart (refer to Part A, Section 7).

<b>10.6.8 Application of Rates and Charges</b>	
<b>A.</b>	All local messages are provided at local usage charges for measured business service.
<b>B.</b>	PBX trunk, DID trunk charges and other dial tone access line rates and charges, as contained in other sections of this tariff, are not applicable to ISDN primary.
<b>C. Usage</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voice usage generated by using ISDN Primary will be charged in accordance with the usage rates for the associated service(s).</li> <li>2. For Circuit Switched Data usage for ISDN Primary Service installed prior to October 26, 2002, the customer may either select a circuit switched data usage pricing option set forth in (3) following or continue to be charged in accordance with the usage rates for Switchway. For ISDN Primary Service installed on or after October 26, 2002 the customer must select from one of the two circuit switched data usage pricing options set forth in (3) following.</li> <li>3. Pricing Options –The customer may select from two pricing options for circuit switched data usage. Option 1 circuit switched data usage is provided on a per minute basis with no usage allowance. Option 2 circuit switched data usage is provided with a monthly usage allowance for a flat monthly rate. Any additional minutes of use above the monthly allowance are offered at a discounted rate. Toll charges will apply when circuit switched data calls are made outside of the customer's local exchange area.</li> </ol>
<b>D.</b>	Initial and additional local distribution channels are provided at the monthly rates for Superpath local distribution channels. The NRC for the initial local distribution channel is the same as the S&E charge specified for Superpath local distribution channels.
<b>1.</b>	NRC charges do not apply for ISDN PRIs and features when provided on the VTPP Volume plan or the ISDN Primary Service provided on a Corporate Rewards 2- or 3- year plan. (N)
<b>2.</b>	No additional mileage charges apply for the local distribution channel when provided as part of the ISDN Primary Service on a VTPP Volume plan or a Corporate Rewards 2- or 3- year plan. (N)

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<b>10.6.8 Application of Rates and Charges</b>	
<b>E.</b>	DID numbers are available at the rates and charges specified in Part A Section 12.
<b>F.</b>	Where a customer chooses to have ISDN primary provided on a foreign exchange or foreign central office basis, the rate for a Superpath 1.544 Mbps digital service interoffice channel applies.
<b>G.</b>	An ISDN primary customer served from a foreign exchange or foreign central office may request to have service provided from the customer's normal central office when facilities become available in the normal central office without application of S&E charges. A new minimum service period becomes effective when service is established at the normal central office.
<b>H.</b>	During the term agreement, the customer may add ISDN PRI services at the same monthly rate as specified in the initial term agreement, or the customer may add ISDN PRI services on a month-to-month basis.

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<b>10.6.9 Variable Term Payment Plan (VTPP)</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Monthly rates and S&E charges for the ISDN primary port, local distribution channel (including the interoffice channel, if required), and certain optional features are offered under the VTPP described herein and in Part A, Section 1. The VTPP monthly rates and S&E charges are payable over the following Optional Payment Periods (OPP) as selected by the customer.
1.	The OPPs for monthly rates are month-to-month, 36 months, and 60 months. The available OPPs for S&E charges are 36 or 60 months. VTPP Volume plan rates are for 24 months and 36 months. (C)
a.	An OPP may not be established only for S&E charges. The monthly rates for the ports and local distribution channels must also be included.
b.	The total number of S&E charges in an OPP must not exceed the total number of ports and local distribution channels included in the OPP.
c.	The OPP selected for S&E charges may not exceed the OPP established for monthly rates.
2.	The S&E charges for an initial local distribution channel provided under a 36-month or 60-month OPP or a 24- or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount. (C)
3.	The S&E charge for a port provided under a 36-month or 60-month OPP or on a 24- or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount. (C)
4.	The S&E charge for the following optional features provided under a 36-month or 60-month OPP or on a 24-or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount: (C)
a.	Calling Line Identification or Calling Line Identification with Name (C)
b.	Two B Channel Transfer
c.	Redirecting Number
d.	Modified Redirecting Number
e.	Optional Feature Package
f.	Intercom Capability Package
5.	Corporate Rewards 2- or 3-year plan and VTPP Volume plan customers may subscribe to Calling Line Identification or Calling Line Identification with Name at term rates. (N) (N)
<b>B.</b>	Two-year payment plan customers may subscribe to three-year payment plan optional features.
<b>C.</b>	VTPP (Variable Term Pricing Plan) provides the option to subscribe to three separate volume PRI packages for two or three years. The available packages are: (T)(N) Package 1 - 1 to 10 PRIs Package 2 - 11 to 20 PRIs Package 3 - 21+ PRIs (N)
<b>D.</b>	<b>Termination Liability</b> — If a customer terminates service or cancels an OPP before the expiration of a commitment period, the customer is subject to a termination liability charge. If a customer terminates service prior to a minimum service period, the minimum service period charges apply. (T)
1.	Termination charges applicable to ISDN primary service are dependent upon the payment plan selected by the customer (refer to Exhibit 10.6.9-1).

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<b>E.</b>	When an ISDN primary VTPP customer served from a foreign exchange or foreign central office requests to have service provided from the customer's normal central office when facilities become available in the normal central office, termination liability charges for customers who have selected a 36-month or 60-month OPP will not apply as long as the quantity of ports and local distribution channels is maintained. The expiration date of the payment period will not change, except when the expiration date would be less than three months from the requested date for service from the normal central office; in this case, the expiration date will be extended to three months from the requested date for service from the normal central office.	(T)
<b>F.</b>	No additional mileage charges apply for the Local Distribution Channel for ISDN Primary Service when provided as part of a 2- or 3-year Corporate Rewards plan or a 2- or 3-year VTPP Volume plan.	(T) (C) (C)
<b>G.</b>	Customers with an existing PRI payment plan may convert to a new payment plan without incurring termination liability charges provided the value of the new payment plan is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the existing payment plan.	(T)
<b>H.</b>	<b>Transfer of Service</b> will not be provided.	(T)



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<b>10.6.9 Variable Term Payment Plan (VTPP)</b>		
<b>Exhibit 10.6.9-1 Termination Charges by Payment Period</b>		
<b>Payment Period</b>	<b>Termination Month</b>	<b>Termination Charges</b>
Month-to-Month	1-12	Minimum Service Period
36 Months	1-12	Minimum Service Period and the full S&E for any port, LDC, or optional feature provided with a 100% discount.
	13-36	Month to month rate minus the 36-month rate times the number of months in service.
60 Months	1-12	Minimum Service Period and the full S&E for any port, LDC, or optional feature provided with a 100% discount.
	13-36	Month to month rate minus the 36-month rate times the number of months in service.
	37-60	36-month rate minus the 60-month rate times the number of months in service.
24-Month Volume Plan	1 – 12	Minimum Service Period times month-to-month rate
	13 – 24	Month-to-month rates minus the 24-month rate times the number of months in service
36-Month Volume Plan	1 – 12	Minimum Service Period times month-to-month rate
	13 – 24	Month-to-month rates minus the 24-month rate times the number of months in service
	25 – 36	24-month rate minus the 36-month rate times the number of months in service

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3.10.2 ISDN Primary Service				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Port	Initial – NRC	935.00	
		Initial – OPP 36 months – NRC – Monthly	15.31	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – NRC – Monthly	10.17	
		Initial – Month-to-month – Monthly	715.00	
		Initial – OPP 36 months – Monthly	643.50	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – Monthly	572.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	409.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan– Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	390.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	371.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	381.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	362.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	344.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time –NRC – Each	460.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time – OPP 36 months – NRC – Monthly	15.07	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time – OPP 60 months – NRC – Monthly	10.01	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time – Month-to-month – Monthly	715.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time – OPP 36 months – Monthly	643.50	
	Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time – OPP 60 months – Monthly	572.00		

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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Local Distribution Channel	Initial – NRC	675.00	(X)
		Initial – OPP 36 months – NRC - Monthly	11.06	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – NRC - Monthly	7.35	(X)
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	175.00	(N)
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	168.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	160.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	164.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	156.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	148.00	(N)
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – NRC – Each	285.00	(X)
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – OPP 36 months - NRC – Monthly	9.34	(X)
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – OPP 60 months - NRC – Monthly	6.20	
		Optional Capabilities	Calling Line Identification – NRC – Per port	62.00
	Calling Line Identification – Monthly – Per port		130.00	
	Calling Line Identification – 2- or 3-Year Corporate Rewards plan or VTPP Volume plan – Monthly - Per port		40.00	(N)
	Multiple Facility Signaling Control – NRC – Per configuration		44.00	(N)

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3.10.2 ISDN Primary Service				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Optional Capabilities	Calling Line Identification With Name – 2- or 3-Year Corporate Rewards plan or VTPP Volume plan – Monthly - Per port	60.00	(N)
		Two B Channel Transfer – NRC – Per port	100.00	(N)
		Two B Channel Transfer – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	75.00	(X)
		Two B Channel Transfer – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	65.00	
		Two B Channel Transfer – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	60.00	
		Redirecting Number – NRC – Per port	75.00	
		Redirecting Number – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	40.00	
		Redirecting Number – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	35.00	
		Redirecting Number – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	30.00	
		Modified Redirecting Number – NRC – Per port	75.00	(X)
		Modified Redirecting Number – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	40.00	
		Modified Redirecting Number - OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	35.00	
		Modified Redirecting Number - OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	30.00	
		Optional Feature Package – NRC – Per port	100.00	
		Optional Feature Package – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	170.00	
		Optional Feature Package – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	165.00	
	Optional Feature Package – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	155.00		
	Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – NRC – Per port	200.00		



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<b>3.10.2 ISDN Primary Service</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Optional Capabilities	Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	200.00	
		Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	190.00	
		Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	180.00	
	Circuit Switched Data Usage	Option 1 – Note: No usage allowance	See Note	
		Option 1 – Per minute of use – Per account	.02	
		Option 2 – Monthly usage allowance – 250 hours – Per month – Per account	250.00	
		Option 2 – Per minute of use over monthly usage allowance – Per account	.008	
	Changes	Changes to a Call-by-Call Trunk Group – NRC – Per trunk group	365.00	

<b>3.10.3 Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Service</b>				
<b>ID</b>	<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Rate Element</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>USOC</b>
	Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Ports	Month-to-month option - S&E - Each	700.00	
		OPP month-to-month - Monthly	525.00	
		OPP 36 months - Monthly	495.00	

