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

Re: Docket No. 3662 – Verizon Rhode Island’s Proposed Revisions to PUC Tariff
No. 18

Dear Ms. Massaro:

In compliance with the Commission’s Order No. 18310 dated July 28, 2005 in the above-referenced proceeding, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) is filing herewith, for effect September 25, 2005, tariff material consisting of:

RI PUC No. 18

Part/Section	Revision of Page(s)	Original of Page(s)
B/2	1.1, 2, 2.1	N/A
B/5	5.1, 5.2	N/A
B/10	1.1, 2	N/A
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In addition, as directed by the Commission in its Order, Verizon RI is providing the Commission and Division supporting data and documentation for the list of wire centers which no longer qualify for UNEs.

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Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter with your stamp of receipt. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Docket No. 3662 Service List

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2. Unbundled IOF Transport
2.1 Description

2.1.1 General	
B.	(Continued)
2.	Transition Plan - For a 12-month period beginning on March 11, 2005, any DS1 dedicated transport UNE that a CLEC leases from the Telephone Company as of that date, but which the Telephone Company is not obligated to unbundle pursuant to Part B, Section 2.1.1.B.1, above, shall be available for lease from the Telephone Company at a rate equal to the higher of (1) 115 percent of the rate the requesting CLEC paid for the dedicated transport element on June 15, 2004, or (2) 115 percent of the rate the Commission has established or establishes, if any, between June 16, 2004, and March 11, 2005, for that dedicated transport element. Where the Telephone Company is not required to provide unbundled DS1 transport pursuant to Part B, Section 2.1.1.B.1, above, requesting CLECs may not obtain new DS1 transport as unbundled network elements on or after March 11, 2005.
C.	DS3 Dedicated Transport - This Part B, Section 2.1.1.C implements certain provisions of the <i>Order on Remand</i> issued by the Federal Communications Commission on February 4, 2005, in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 (the " <i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i> "), and of the regulations promulgated by the FCC pursuant to that order. 1. Limitations on Unbundling Obligation - Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, and subject to the transition plan set forth in Part B, Section 2.1.1.C.2 below, the Telephone Company will not provide unbundled access to DS3 dedicated transport, as defined in the introductory paragraph of 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(e)(2)(iii), to an extent beyond that required by 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(e)(2)(iii)(A), as in effect on and after March 11, 2005. Moreover, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(e)(2)(iii)(B) as in effect on and after such date, a requesting CLEC may not obtain more than 12 unbundled DS3 dedicated transport circuits on each route where DS3 dedicated transport is available on an unbundled basis. 2. Transition Plan - For a 12-month period beginning on March 11, 2005, any DS3 dedicated transport UNE that a CLEC leases from the Telephone Company as of that date, but which the Telephone Company is not obligated to unbundle pursuant to Part B, Section 2.1.1.C.1, above, shall be available for lease from the Telephone Company at a rate equal to the higher of (1) 115 percent of the rate the requesting CLEC paid for the dedicated transport element on June 15, 2004, or (2) 115 percent of the rate the Commission has established or establishes, if any, between June 16, 2004, and March 11, 2005, for that dedicated transport element. Where the Telephone Company is not required to provide unbundled DS3 transport pursuant to Part B, Section 2.1.1.C.1, above, requesting CLECs may not obtain new DS3 transport as unbundled network elements on or after March 11, 2005.
D.	Post-transition Arrangements - CLECs that have unbundled UNE dedicated transport arrangements in place at the end of the transition periods described in Part B, Sections 2.1.1.B.2 and 2.1.1.C.2, above, must discontinue such arrangements or convert them to alternative serving arrangements, where such alternative arrangements are available from the Telephone Company. Orders for such discontinuance or conversion should be placed early enough, in light of the applicable provisioning intervals, to ensure that the orders can be fulfilled by the end of the transition period. If the CLEC places the order for conversion of such UNE dedicated transport arrangements prior to the end of the transition period, and the Telephone Company is not able to complete the order before the end of the transition period, the Telephone Company will continue to provide the service beyond the transition period until the order is completed at the applicable rates for analogous non-UNE services. If the TC does not place orders before the end of the transition period to discontinue or convert any such unbundled dedicated transport arrangements, the arrangements will be disconnected at the end of the transition period.

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2. Unbundled IOF Transport
2.1 Description

2.1.1 General	
E.	<p>Pursuant to the <i>Order on Remand</i> issued by the Federal Communications Commission on February 4, 2005, in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 (the "<i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>"), and the regulations promulgated by the FCC pursuant to that order, a CLEC's submission to the Telephone Company of an order for unbundled DS1 or DS3 dedicated transport shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the CLEC's knowledge based on diligent inquiry, the order is consistent with the restrictions set forth in Part B, Sections 2.1.1.B.1 and 2.1.1.C.1, above, and that the CLEC is entitled to unbundled access to the network element or elements ordered. Such diligent inquiry shall include review of lists to be provided by the Telephone Company on its wholesale web site of the wire centers that meet specified criteria relating to the number of business lines that are served and the number of fiber-based collocators that are present. If the Telephone Company challenges such certification, and if it is determined, after completion of the applicable dispute resolution process, that the CLEC was not entitled to unbundled access to such element or elements, then the CLEC will be backbilled to the date on which the element was first provisioned, in the amount of the difference between the rate applicable to unbundled access to the network element in question and the rate that would be otherwise charged for the use of that element.</p>
1.	<p>Part B, Section 13 of this tariff identifies central offices in the Telephone Company's service area that as of the effective date of this tariff are either "Tier 1" or "Tier 2" wire centers, as defined in the <i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, the Telephone Company is not required to provide, and will not process: (1) orders for unbundled DS1 dedicated transport between wire centers each of which is marked "Yes" in the Tier 1 column contained in Part B, Section 13 of this tariff; and (2) orders for unbundled DS3 dedicated transport between any wire center that is marked "Yes" in either the Tier 1 column or the Tier 2 column contained in Part B, Section 13 of this tariff, and any other wire center that is marked "Yes" in either of such columns.</p>
F.	<p>Unbundled dedicated IOF transport provides a transmission path within a LATA between the following locations. In addition, Intrastate-InterLATA unbundled dedicated IOF transport will be provided when all circuit end points are within the same local exchange calling area as defined in PUC RI No. 15.</p>
1.	CLEC designated TC central office premises
2.	CLEC designated collocation arrangements established within Telephone Company central offices
3.	A CLEC designated TC central office premises and a collocation arrangement established within a Telephone Company central office.
G.	<p>The following digital connections which are provided through unbundled dedicated IOF transport are differentiated by bit rate and are offered with an electrical interface.</p>
1.	Unbundled Dedicated DS1 IOF Transport — A high capacity channel for the transmission of digital data at the rate of 1.544 Mbps.
2.	Unbundled Dedicated DS3 IOF Transport — A high capacity channel for the transmission of digital data at the rate of 44.736 Mbps.

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2. Unbundled IOF Transport
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H.	<p>In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission’s Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released on August 21, 2003 in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (the “Triennial Review Order”), beginning on April 29, 2004 the Telephone Company will no longer provision new orders for OC3 or OC12 IOF transport as unbundled network elements under the terms and conditions of this tariff except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.</p> <p>Existing OC3 or OC12 IOF transport facilities will be discontinued on April 29, 2004, except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.</p> <p>The following optical connections which are provided through unbundled dedicated IOF transport are differentiated by bit rate and are offered with an optical interface.</p> <p>1. Unbundled Dedicated OC-3 IOF Transport— Provides for the simultaneous two-way transmission of digital signals using STS format at a rate of 155.52 Mbps.</p> <p>2. Unbundled Dedicated OC-12 IOF Transport— Provides for the simultaneous two-way transmission of digital signals using STS format at a rate of 622.08 Mbps.</p>
I.	<p>In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission’s Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released on August 21, 2003 in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (the “Triennial Review Order”), beginning on April 29, 2004 the Telephone Company will no longer accept new orders for STS1 IOF transport as an unbundled network element under the terms and conditions of this tariff except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.</p> <p>Existing STS1 IOF transport facilities will be discontinued on April 29, 2004, except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.</p> <p>The following connection is provided through unbundled dedicated IOF transport and is offered with a metallic-based electrical interface.</p> <p>1. Synchronous Transport Signal - Level 1 (STS-1)— Provides a total bandwidth of 51.84 Mbps, including both overhead and payload. The interface must conform with GR-253–CORE which defines SONET requirements.</p>

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5. Local Loops
5.3 High Capacity Links

5.3.1	Description
D.	<p>Post-transition Arrangements - TCs that have unbundled UNE DS1 or DS3 loop arrangements in place at the end of the transition periods described in Part B, Sections 5.3.1.B.2 and 5.3.1.C.2, above, must discontinue such arrangements, or else must convert them to alternative serving arrangements where such alternative arrangements are available from the Telephone Company. Orders for such discontinuance or conversion should be placed early enough, in light of the applicable provisioning intervals, to ensure that the orders can be fulfilled by the end of the transition period. If the TC places the order for conversion of such UNE loops prior to the end of the transition period, and the Telephone Company is not able to complete the order before the end of the transition period, the Telephone Company will continue to provide the service beyond the transition period until the order is completed at the applicable rates for analogous non-UNE services. If the TC does not place orders before the end of the transition period to discontinue or convert any such unbundled loop arrangements, the arrangements will be disconnected, at the end of the transition period.</p>
E.	<p>Pursuant to the <i>Order on Remand</i> issued by the Federal Communications Commission on February 4, 2005, in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 (the "<i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>"), and the regulations promulgated by the FCC pursuant to that order, a TC's submission to the Telephone Company of an order for an unbundled DS1 or DS3 loop shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the TC's knowledge based on diligent inquiry, the order is consistent with the restrictions set forth in Part B, Sections 5.3.1.B.1 or 5.3.1.C.1, above, and that the TC is entitled to unbundled access to the network element or elements ordered. Such diligent inquiry shall include review of lists to be provided by the Telephone Company on its wholesale web site of the wire centers that meet specified criteria relating to the number of business lines that are served and the number of fiber-based collocators that are present. If the Telephone Company challenges such certification, and if it is determined, after completion of the applicable dispute resolution process, that the TC was not entitled to unbundled access to such element or elements, then the TC will be backbilled to the date on which the element was first provisioned, in the amount of the difference between the rate applicable to unbundled access to the network element in question and the rate that would otherwise be charged for the use of that element.</p> <p>1. Part B, Section 13 of this tariff identifies central offices in the Telephone Company's service area that as of the effective date of this tariff meet the non-impairment tests for DS1 or DS3 loops under the standards set forth in the <i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, the Telephone Company is not required to provide, and will not process: (1) orders for unbundled DS1 loops in wire centers marked "Yes" in the DS1 column contained in Part B, Section 13 of this tariff; and (2) orders for unbundled DS3 loops in wire centers marked "Yes" in the DS3 column contained in Part B, Section 13 of this tariff.</p> <p>A digital high capacity link provides a two-point digital channel which provides for simultaneous two-way transmission of serial, bipolar, return-to-zero, isochronous digital signals at a transmission speed of 1.544 Mbps; or for simultaneous two-way transmission of serial, bipolar, return-to-zero, isochronous digital electrical signals at a transmission rate of 44.736 Mbps +/- 20 ppm.</p>

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5. Local Loops
5.3 High Capacity Links

5.3.1 Description	
F.	Digital high capacity links conditioned for 1.544 Mbps are called 1.5 Mbps links when they are terminated at the TC's collocation presence in the Telephone Company central office where the end user is served.
1.	1.544 Mbps links are designed to provide an average performance of at least 98.75% error-free transmission, measured over a continuous 24 hour period, between the Telephone Company's interfaces using industry standard DS1 test sets.
2.	The installation interval for one to nine 1.544 Mbps links is 9 business days where facilities exist. Quantities of 10 or greater will be provided on a negotiated interval subject to facilities availability. If facilities are not available but the Telephone Company has construction underway to meet forecasted demand, the interval quoted is the estimated construction completion date plus 6 business days.
G.	Digital high capacity links conditioned for 44.736 Mbps are called DS3 or 45 Mbps links when they are terminated at the TC's collocation presence in the Telephone Company central office where the end user is served.
1.	44.736 Mbps links are designed to provide an average performance of at least 98% error-free transmission, measured over a continuous 24 hour period, between the Telephone Company's interfaces using industry standard DS1 test sets.
2.	The installation interval for one to nine 44.736 Mbps links is 18 business days where facilities exist. Quantities of 10 or greater will be provided on a negotiated interval subject to facilities availability. If facilities are not available but the Telephone Company has construction underway to meet forecasted demand, the interval quoted is the estimated construction completion date plus 15 business days.

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5.3.2 Regulations	
A.	It is the responsibility of the TC (or any other party of interest, such as the applicant for service, the owner or operator of the premises or the builder) to provide in a manner satisfactory to the Telephone Company, and without cost to the Telephone Company, a means of entrance for the fiber optic cable into the building; space for mounting the necessary terminals and equipment; power necessary for the terminals and equipment; and where required, a means to reach each floor and each suite or office on each floor where telephone service is required.
B.	High capacity links which are furnished on a full time basis are available on a two-point basis.

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10. Unbundled Dark Fiber
10.1 General

10.1.1	Description
D.	<p>Post-transition Arrangements - TCs that have unbundled dark fiber loops or unbundled dark fiber dedicated transport arrangements in place at the end of the transition periods described in Part B, Sections 10.1.1.B.2 and 10.1.1.C.2, above, must discontinue such arrangements or convert them to alternative serving arrangements, where such alternative arrangements are available from the Telephone Company. Orders for such discontinuance or conversion should be placed early enough, in light of the applicable provisioning intervals, to ensure that the orders can be fulfilled by the end of the transition period. If the TC places the order for conversion of such unbundled dark fiber loops or unbundled dark fiber transport prior to the end of the transition period, and the Telephone Company is not able to complete the order before the end of the transition period, the Telephone Company will continue to provide the service beyond the transition period until the order is completed at the applicable rates for analogous non-UNE services. If the TC does not place orders before the end of the transition period to discontinue or convert any such unbundled dark fiber loop or unbundled dedicated transport arrangements, the arrangements will be disconnected at the end of the transition period.</p>
E.	<p>Pursuant to the <i>Order on Remand</i> issued by the Federal Communications Commission on February 4, 2005, in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 (the "<i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>"), and the regulations promulgated by the FCC pursuant to that order, a TC's submission to the Telephone Company of an order for unbundled dark fiber dedicated transport shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the TC's knowledge based on diligent inquiry, the order is consistent with the restrictions set forth in Part B, Section 10.1.1.C.1, above, and that the TC is entitled to unbundled access to the network element ordered. Such diligent inquiry shall include review of lists to be provided by the Telephone Company on its wholesale web site of the wire centers that meet specified criteria relating to the number of business lines that are served and the number of fiber-based collocators that are present. If the Telephone Company challenges such certification, and if it is determined, after completion of the applicable dispute resolution process, that the TC was not entitled to unbundled access to such element, then the TC will be backbilled to the date on which the element was first provisioned, in the amount of the difference between the rate applicable to unbundled access to the network element in question and the rate that would otherwise be charged for the use of that element.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part B, Section 13 of this tariff identifies the central offices in the Telephone Company's service area that as of the effective date of this tariff are either "Tier 1" or "Tier 2" wire centers, as defined in the <i>Triennial Review Remand Order</i>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, the Telephone Company is not required to provide, and will not process orders for unbundled dark fiber transport between any wire center that is marked "Yes" in either the Tier 1 column or the Tier 2 column contained in Part B, Section 13 of this tariff, and any other wire center that is marked "Yes" in either of such columns. 2. Dark fiber provides a TC with an unlit continuous fiber optic strand within an existing, in-place Telephone Company fiber optic cable sheath solely for use in the provision of telecommunications services. 3. A strand is not considered continuous if splicing is required to provide fiber continuity between locations except as provided for in 10.2.1 following. A dark fiber UNE consists of two fiber strands.
F.	<p>In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released on August 21, 2003 in CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 (the "<i>Triennial Review Order</i>"), beginning on April 29, 2004 Verizon will no longer provision new orders for IOF Dark Fiber between the TC collocation arrangements in the Telephone Company central offices and the TC's central office (Dark Fiber IOF Channel Terminations) as an unbundled network element under the terms and conditions of this tariff except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.</p>

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10. Unbundled Dark Fiber
10.1 General

10.1.1 Description	
F.	(Continued) Existing Dark Fiber Channel Termination arrangements will be discontinued on April 29, 2004, except as otherwise required under an effective interconnection agreement between the Telephone Company and the TC.
G.	The Telephone Company provides access to the following types of dark fiber.
1.	Loop Dark Fiber — is provided between the TC's collocation arrangement in the Telephone Company's central office and the end user's premises in the same serving wire center.
2.	IOF Dark Fiber — is provided between TC collocation arrangements in Telephone Company central offices or between such arrangements and the TC's central office.
H.	Dark fiber is only available where in-place, spare facilities exist. The Telephone Company will not construct new or additional facilities and will not introduce additional splice points to accommodate dark fiber requests.
I.	Dark fiber is provided subject to the availability of facilities on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for dark fiber are not accepted.
J.	The Telephone Company reserves the right to petition for relief from its obligation to provide dark fiber if it believes that a TC request would strand an unreasonable amount of fiber capacity or would result in service disruption or degradation of service to other customers.

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10.1.2 Ordering Conditions	
A.	Prior to ordering a dark fiber UNE, a TC must submit a dark fiber inquiry form to have the Telephone Company conduct a review of its existing cable records to determine whether spare dark fiber is available. Written inquiries for a dark fiber UNE must designate the two locations between which dark fiber is desired and the quantity of fiber pairs requested. Additional locations will require additional inquiries.
1.	If the records indicate that spare fiber exists, the Telephone Company will notify the TC and provide the estimated mileage. This does not constitute a reservation, and the Telephone Company does not guarantee that spare fiber will be available at the time the TC places an order.
2.	The TC may proceed to place an order for a dark fiber UNE via an ASR any time following completion of the inquiry.

10.1.3 Additional Engineering Services	
A.	At the option of the TC, the following additional engineering services regarding dark fiber are available.
1.	Fiber Layout Map — A TC may request a fiber layout map for a wire center for preliminary design purposes only. Fiber layout maps are based upon the Telephone Company's existing records and are provided subject to a proprietary agreement. The map will show the streets within the wire center where there are existing Telephone Company fiber cable sheaths.
2.	Cleaning Connectors — A TC may request that the Telephone Company clean the connectors on an unbundled dark fiber network element in order to remove non-imbedded contaminants. The TC will be charged time and materials for all work performed related to cleaning connectors.
3.	Retrofitting Connectors — A TC may request the Telephone Company to retrofit older connectors on an unbundled dark fiber network element fiber with the Telephone Company's currently approved connectors in order to try to improve the transmission characteristics of the network element. The Telephone Company will not retrofit older connectors if there is a risk of disrupting existing fiber optic services in the same ribbon. As standard business practice calls for all connectors in a ribbon to be retrofitted at the same time, the TC will be charged time and materials to retrofit every connector on a ribbon and for all work performed related thereto.

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13. Exempt Wire Centers
13.1 General

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13.1.1 Exempt Wire Centers				
Wire Center	Tier 1	Tier 2	DS1 LOOP	DS3 LOOP
ASTNRAN	No	Yes	No	No
CNTNRIPH	No	Yes	No	No
NPRVRIMS	No	Yes	No	No
PRVDRIWA	Yes	No	No	Yes
PRVDRIWA	Yes	No	No	Yes
WNSCRICL	Yes	No	No	No
WRWKRIWS	Yes	No	No	No

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