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

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect June 15, 2018, tariff material consisting of:

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With this filing, Verizon Rhode Island ("Verizon RI") proposes to withdraw Multi and Party Line services. Verizon RI has 47 customers subscribing to these services. All of these customers have service that functions as single party service but are billed for two party service. Verizon will notify its customers of its intent to withdraw these services. Verizon representatives will continue to work with each of the customers impacted to determine the best solution to meet their needs prior to service withdrawal.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 857-415-5161.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Bean

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1. Tariff Information and General Regulations

1.1 Tariff Information

1.1.6 Definitions

Line Hunting—An arrangement whereby two or more central office lines or PBX trunk lines furnished to a customer at a given location are grouped so that calls to the first number of the grouped lines are automatically routed to the first non-busy line of the lines so grouped and a busy signal is not given unless all the grouped lines are busy.

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Main Telephone/Station—Terminal equipment directly connected to the central office switching equipment by an individual circuit or, in the case of PBX and Centrex service, terminal equipment directly connected to the PBX and Centrex switching equipment by an individual line circuit.

Maximum Termination Liability—A liability assumed by a customer for certain equipment or service for which a minimum service period in excess of one month applies.

Message—A completed communication between two telephone numbers and classified as either Local or Toll.

Message, **Local**—A message between telephones where the called telephone is within the unlimited or local usage calling area of the calling telephone.

Message, Toll (Long Distance Message)—A message between telephones in different local calling areas for which a Message Telecommunications Service charge applies.

Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)—Service that furnishes facilities for telecommunications between local service areas. The terms toll and long distance are used interchangeably throughout the tariff.

Minimum Service Period—A stated length of time that a customer is required to retain service at a specific location.

Miscellaneous Common Carriers—Communications common carriers, as defined in Part 21 of the FCCs rules, that are not engaged in the business of providing either a public land line message telephone service or public message telegraph service.

Move—A customer requested relocation of premises wiring and/or equipment from one location to another on the same premises.

Multi-Central Office Exchange—An exchange served by more than one central office.

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Tariff Information and General Regulations Responsibility of the Telephone Company

1.4.1	Furnishing of Service	
A.	The Telephone Company reserves the right to refuse an application for service made by, or for the benefit of, a former customer who is indebted to the Telephone Company for telephone service previously furnished.	
B.	A telephone number is subject to change at any time.	
C.	The Telephone Company reserves the right to restrict the amount of other services and equipment furnished or used in connection with any particular class of service in order to prevent any impairment in the quality of service furnished.	
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E.	In view of the fact that customers have exclusive control of their communications over the facilities furnished them by the Telephone Company, and of other uses for which facilities may be furnished by the Telephone Company, and because of unavoidableness of errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Telephone Company, the services and facilities furnished by the Telephone Company are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified.	
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1. G.	Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS) on Dedicated Toll Free Service (DTFS). The Telephone Company retains title to all materials, including wire and cable that it installs.	(T)

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1.6.1	Lifeline	
A.	Lifeline provides for a reduction in the monthly rate for one exchange service line per household for eligible residence customers. The Telephone Company will provide through Lifeline, rate payer funded assistance to eligible customers. Eligible customers include the following.	
1.	Recipients of Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)	
2.	Participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	ŀ
3.	Recipients of Medicaid	ŀ
4.	Recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	
5.	Customers whose annual income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline	۱
6.	Veterans Pension Benefit	
7.	Veterans Survivors Pension Benefit	
8.	Individuals who live on Tribal Lands and participate in one of the following programs:	
a.	The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance	
b.	Head Start (income eligible)	
c.	Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)	
d.	The Food Distribution Program	
B.	Eligibility will be determined by the relevant government agency in accordance with guidelines on file with the agency. Upon receipt by the Telephone Company of eligibility certification by said agency or its designee, the Telephone Company will provide a reduction as specified as follows.	
1.	A reduction applies to the monthly rate for one residence exchange service line furnished to an eligible residence exchange service customer. This reduction may be applied to the monthly rate for the following services.	
a.	One-party exchange service.	
C.	A monthly local usage allowance applies to Lifeline customers who subscribe to measured service.	
D.	A Lifeline service customer may voluntarily choose to block toll calls and access to interexchange carriers. Blocking is provided to Lifeline customers without charge.	
1.	An eligible customer who elects toll blocking shall not be required to provide a service deposit to initiate Lifeline credit.	

3. Service Charges

3.1 Description

3.1.5 Jack Equipment

- A. Standard voice or data jacks are required by the FCCs registration program to connect registered terminal equipment and multi-line terminating systems to the telecommunications network. Weatherproof jack equipment is required for terminating lines at an exposed outdoor location.
- 1. For standard voice-miniature modular jacks, one or two line capacity, the S&E charge does not apply when the jack is used as the network interface. For standard data multiple line data jack for use with both fixed-loss loop and programmable data equipment, the one line circuit card is required for each line connected to the multiple line data jack common equipment. Refer to Part M, Section 1.3.2 for a listing of jacks.
- 2. Nonstandard jacks are no longer available.

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c.	To have amplification in the transmission path (other than single-ended terminal devices with the maximum gain limited so that the output power meets the minimum protection criteria set forth in Section 4.4.6).
d.	Use wiring external to such equipment that is permanently affixed at the site of the installation other than portable connections compatible with the interface termination provided by the Telephone Company.
B.	In the event attested equipment bearing an identification number does not meet the requirements set forth by the Telephone Company in its technical references, the customer using such attested equipment must either disconnect the equipment from the Telephone Company service or arrange for connection of the equipment in accordance with Section 4.3.

4.4.5 Conforming Answering Devices Connected Prior to July 1, 1979

- A. Conforming answering devices, incorporating an authorized protective connecting module, which meet the standards and procedures set forth by the Telephone Company in technical references for conforming answering devices and which were connected at the customer's premises to the telecommunications network prior to July 1, 1979, may remain connected and be moved and reconnected in accordance therewith for the life of the equipment, unless subsequently modified, in accordance with the following conditions.
- 1. Customers must notify the Telephone Company of their intention to connect conforming answering devices. The notification must include the location at which the conforming answering device is to be used as well as its conformance number.
- 2. The conforming answering device is connected only by means of a jack or jack arrangement provided by the Telephone Company.
- 3. The conforming answering device is operated and maintained in accordance with those instructions furnished with the conforming answering device as required by the Telephone Company's technical reference for conforming answering devices.
- **4.** Conforming answering devices may not be used for the following purposes.
- a. To transmit or receive data signals
- **b.** For use with PASL service

c. To originate calls.

5. The conforming answering device must comply with the minimum protection criteria set forth in Section 4.4.6.

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5. Exchange Service

5.1 Basic Exchange Service

5.1.1 DescriptionC. Exchange services include touch tone calling capability.

5.1.2	Restrictions	
A.	Unlimited Service	
1.	The use of unlimited residence exchange service is restricted to the customer and members of the household.	
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B.	Measured Service — Measured residence service is provided only on a one-party line basis and only where the customer does not have business main telephone exchange service at the same premises.	
1.	Measured residence service is not available in the West Glocester exchange.	
C.	Superseded Exchange Service is available to existing customers at their present locations only.	i. :
1.	Service from the West Glocester exchange is no longer available for new installations but present customers may continue with West Glocester service at existing locations. New installations must be served from the Pascoag exchange.	

5.1.3 Use of Service-Residence

- A. When a customer has two or more exchange lines in the same class of service terminating at the same premises and billed from the same Revenue Accounting Office (RAO), one bill, including charges for services associated with the lines, may be rendered to the customer.
- 1. For residence measured service, the total allowance is equivalent to the sum of the local usage allowances for all lines included in the one bill. Local usage in excess of the total allowance on residence measured lines are charged for as additional minutes.
- 2. | Service and Equipment (S&E) charges apply to rearrange combined billing.

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10. Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) Optional Toll Calling Plans

10.2 Rhode Island Statewide Calling Service

Effective June 16, 2012, Rhode Island Statewide Calling Service is no longer available to residential customers. Existing residential customers as of June 16, 2012, may retain the service at existing locations.

As of May 17, 2014, the Rhode Island Statewide Calling Service Unlimited Usage option for customers with residence unlimited 2-party basic exchange service and measured basic exchange service is withdrawn from this tariff, and Verizon will no longer provide those service combinations as of that date.

10.2.	1 Description
A.	Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities, as a supplement to one-party residence main telephone exchange service and residence trunk lines.
B.	This service is available on an unlimited basis or on a measured basis which provides for one and four hours per month of cumulative message time on customer dialed station-to-station calls placed to any toll point within Rhode Island
1.	This service is available only to customer dialed station-to-station sent-paid calls, Telephone Company operator completed station-to-station sent-paid calls when facilities are not available for customer dial completion and station-to-station sent-paid calls for handicapped persons unable to dial calls because of their handicap. Regular MTS rates apply to all other calls.
C.	Rhode Island statewide calling is not available for use at the following locations or with the following services or calls.
1.	In rooming houses, dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses, clubs and other similar locations.
2.	With selective calling service.
3.	For person-to-person, collect, charge to a calling card number or third telephone number, conference or other calls that normally require an operator.
4.	The Rhode Island Statewide Calling Service Unlimited Usage option for customers with residence unlimited 2-party basic exchange service and measured basic exchange service is not available.
D.	Call detail is a standard feature that provides the date, time, called number and duration of each individual Rhode Island statewide calling plan message.
E.	Customers in the West Glocester exchange may subscribe to the Rhode Island statewide calling plan only in conjunction with a number change to the Pascoag exchange.
1.	The Service and Equipment (S&E) charge described in Section 5 to change a telephone number applies.

10.2.2 Application of Rates and Charges

- A. The plan is provided at monthly rates which are in addition to the rates and charges for the associated main telephone exchange service and associated services.
- 1. The initial one hour, four hour and unlimited monthly rates are applicable whether or not calls are
- B. Accumulation of message time is done on a whole minute basis. Individual messages with fractional totals are rounded to the next higher minute.

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1.3 Service Charges

.3.2	Other Service and Ed	quipment Charges		
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Standard Jacks	Voice – Miniature modular – One or two line capacity – S&E - Each	1.42	U
		Voice - Miniature modular – Three line capacity – S&E - Each	11.72	RJ25C
		Voice - Miniature ribbon connector – S&E - Each	44.19	U
		Voice - Series - S&E - Each	12.08	U
		Voice – Weatherproof, 3 position (marine, recreation vehicles, other moveable premises) – S&E - Each	19.94	RJ15C
		Data - Programmed - S&E - Each	23.52	U
		Data – Universal - S&E - Each	34.18	U
		Data – Multiple line for use with fixed loss loop and programmable data equipment – Common equipment for up to 8 lines - S&E - Each	159.57	RJ26X
		Data – Multiple line for use with fixed loss loop and programmable data equipment – Line circuit cards – S&E – Each (one card is required for each line connected to multiple line data jack		
		common equipment)	24.24	RJ26S

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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence – Unlimited 1	Warwick	19.65	
	Party	Westerly	15.30	
		West Warwick	19.65	
		Woonsocket	16.26	
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1.5.2	Basic Exchange Services-Composite Statewide Monthly Rates Schedule			
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence – Measured 1	All Rate Groups	9.17	
	Party	Local Usage Allowance – Minutes – Monthly – Per line	90	

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D	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence – Measured 1 Party	Local Usage Allowance – Lifeline customers only – Minutes – Monthly – Per line	180	
-		Local Usage – Per additional minute	.037	
	Residence – Unlimited 1	Rate Group A	15.30	
	Party	Rate Group B	15.94	
		Rate Group C	16.26	
		Rate Group D	18.62	
		Rate Group E	19.65	
		Rate Group F	19.76	

1.5.3	.3 Basic Exchange Services-Superseded Services Monthly Rates by Exchange/Zone			
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Residence – Unlimited 1			
	Party	West Glocester	15.30	

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1. Product Guide Information and General Regulations

1.1 Product Guide Information

1.1.4 Definitions

Interface—The point on the premises of the customer, authorized user, or joint user at which provision is made for connection of other than Verizon provided facilities to facilities provided by Verizon.

Intraexchange Channel—A communications path interconnecting points within an exchange.

Intrasystem Wire—Wire connecting separately housed equipment entities or systems.

Joint User Service—A service which includes a listing in the alphabetical section of Verizon directory and provides for the use of the customer's exchange telephone service facilities by a corporation, association, partnership, or individual not associated with the customer in business.

Joint Use Arrangement—The use of the customer's interexchange private line service by an individual, firm or corporation designated by the customer as a user of the private line service and to whom a portion of the charge for service is billed.

Key Pulsing—A method of dialing by depressing button-type keys on a line arranged for normal rotary dialing.

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- 2. The conforming answering device is connected only by means of a jack or jack arrangement provided by Verizon.
- 3. The conforming answering device is operated and maintained in accordance with those instructions furnished with the conforming answering device as required by Verizon's technical reference for conforming answering devices.
- **4.** Conforming answering devices may not be used for the following purposes.
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- b. For use with PASL service
- c. | To originate calls.
- 5. The conforming answering device must comply with the minimum protection criteria set forth in Section 4.4.6.

4. Connections of Customer Premises Equipment to the Telecommunications Network

4.7 Special Service Arrangements-Communications Systems

4.7.2	Power, Pipeline and Railroad Companies
A.	(Continued)
2.	In cases of calls originated by railroad employees under circumstances indicating need for prompt action to secure or maintain the safety, continuity, or reliability of railroad service to the public, and related to the movement of passengers, mail, property, or equipment by railroad, or the repair, maintenance, or construction of railroad rights-of-way, structures, or equipment.
3.	In cases where customer facilities serve locations where it is impracticable, because of hazard or inaccessibility, for Verizon to furnish its facilities.
a.	Customer facilities do not include mobile radiotelephone facilities.
4.	During an interim period in cases where the customer has arranged for replacement of customer facilities with facilities of Verizon.
a.	Customer facilities do not include mobile radiotelephone facilities.
В.	Facilities of the customer may be connected to PBX switchboards or other telephone switching or terminal equipment located in the same or different local service areas, for communications with stations and private line facilities associated with the switching or terminal equipment, provided that, within the same local service area, a PBX switchboard or other telephone switching or terminal equipment furnished for exchange services is not connected with telephones of the customer, nor with private telephone switching equipment of the customer except switching equipment used exclusively for dispatching, or line switching equipment not connected with telephones within the same local service area.
C.	Circuits of the customer are connected to a central office line to form a through connection only via manual switching equipment, or an attendant's position of dial PBX equipment. The equipment or position may be located at either or both ends of the customer's circuit.
D.	Connection of a circuit of the customer, as specified in Section 4.7.2A2 through Section 4.7.2A4 may be established at either end of the circuit, but cannot be established at both ends simultaneously.
E.	Facilities of Verizon connected with facilities of the customer, cannot be used for communications of other than the customer, except that the facilities may be used for the communications of, and be connected with, facilities furnished by Verizon to other companies which are owned and/or operated as follows.
1.	Operated with the customer as parts of an integrated electric power, oil, oil products, or natural gas pipeline systems, or railroad system under direct or common ownership or control.



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This is an important message from Verizon about your telephone service.

Please call us at 1.844.292.2364 by June, 5, 2018.

Pending regulatory approval, where required, all Multi- and Party-Line services offered by Verizon are being discontinued on June 15, 2018. This includes the Multi/Party Line service you are currently subscribed to. It is urgent that you contact us immediately to choose a new plan or your home phone service will be disconnected.

This change will require a technician to come out to rewire the connection from our equipment to your home before June 15, 2018. There's no cost to you to process the service change or for the technician visit. When you call, our representative will schedule an appointment, as well as help you choose a new single-party plan that will suit your needs. Verizon has a number of competitively priced local and long distance options available to address your needs. The charges for these services may be higher than the charges for your current service.

Of course, you also have the option of disconnecting your service or switching to another provider.

To prevent an interruption to your home phone service call us at 1.844.292.2364 (Mon – Fri 8 AM to 8 PM EDT & Sat 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM EDT) no later than June, 5, 2018.

If you do not make arrangements to have your service converted, your home phone service will be disconnected on or about June 15, 2018.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thanks for being a Verizon customer.