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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 February 28, 2019 tariff material consisting of:

PUC RI No. 18

<b>Part/Section</b>	<b>Revision of Pages</b>	<b>Original of Pages</b>
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With this filing, Verizon Rhode Island (“Verizon RI”) proposes to add additional language to restrict Ground Start/Reverse Battery to where facilities exist. Verizon will no longer be able to continue to support Ground Start or Reverse Battery Signaling over fiber. Ground Start and Reverse Battery will only be supported where facilities exist and permit, however the majority of services will maintain similar features and functionality if the Ground Start provisioning is translated to Loop Start.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

Verizon New England Inc.

**1. Tariff Information and General Regulations**  
**1.7 Responsibility of the CLEC**

<b>1.7.6 Availability for Testing and Inspection</b>	
<b>A.</b>	The services provided under this tariff shall be available to the Telephone Company for inspection at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition and conformance to technical standards. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.
<b>B.</b>	The CLEC is responsible for initiating testing for, and isolating all end user troubles. The Telephone Company will cooperatively test with the CLEC in order to confirm and clear the trouble.

<b>1.7.7 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies</b>	
<b>A.</b>	The CLEC shall, in cooperation with the Telephone Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services, subject to the restoration priority requirements of Part 64 of the FCCs rules.
<b>B.</b>	The CLEC will administer its network to insure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of its network services. Service levels are considered acceptable when both the CLEC and the Telephone Company are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within their respective network.

<b>1.7.8 Signals</b>	
<b>A.</b>	In order to protect the Telephone Company's facilities and personnel and the services furnished to other TCs by the Telephone Company from potentially harmful effects, the signals applied to the Telephone Company's service shall be such as not to cause damage to the facilities of the Telephone Company. Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve the compatibility between facilities of the Telephone Company and the channels or facilities of others shall be provided at the TC's expense.

<b>1.7.9 Balance</b>	
<b>A.</b>	All signals for transmission over the services provided under this tariff shall be delivered by the CLEC balanced to ground except for ground start* and duplex (DX).

(N)

\* Ground start may not be provided over fiber facilities and is only available where suitable facilities exist. (N)