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Application No. 176

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) hereby apply for Special Permission for a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules.

Verizon intends to clarify its Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) surcharge exemption certification process for customers that qualify for the exemption in its Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 11, and 16, Access Services; Tariff FCC No. 14, Facilities for Interstate Access; and Tariff FCC No. 20, Communications Service. These clarifications reference Verizon's automated exemption certification process, which is consistent with the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet, FCC Form 499-A (revised 2007), Instructions for Completing the Worksheet for Filing Contributions to Telecommunications Relay Service, Universal Service, Number Administration, and Local Number Portability Support Mechanism. This process provides customers that qualify for an FUSF surcharge exemption with an opportunity to complete an exemption certification on the Telephone Company's website.

Verizon therefore requests special permission to waive the requirements of Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules in order to allow Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, 16 and 20 to reference the Telephone Company's web site for the reasons stated above.

Illustrative tariff pages are included with this application.

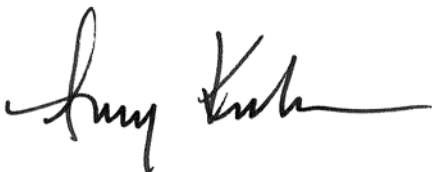
This application and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS).

Payment in the amount of \$775.00 has been electronically transmitted to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the fee program procedures. The Form 159 is being transmitted electronically via ETFS.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 61.21(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, the F.C.C. Registration Number (FRN) for Verizon is 0003-7085-00. Verizon is filing this application on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRNs:

<u>Tariff FCC No. 1</u>	<u>Tariff FCC No. 11</u>	<u>Tariff FCC No. 14</u>
0002-0112-78	0003-4694-42	0001-5364-24
0002-0732-03	0003-6289-71	0001-5832-28
0002-1092-13		0001-5832-44
0002-1668-25		0001-6802-63
0003-2717-98		0001-8248-04
0003-2735-05		0001-8555-43
0003-3166-92		0001-9625-88
		0004-3502-37
<u>Tariff FCC No. 16</u>	<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 20</u>	
0001-5364-24	0003-2717-98	0002-0112-78
0001-5832-44	0002-0732-03	0002-1092-13
0001-6802-63	0003-6289-71	0001-5364-24
0001-9625-88	0004-3502-37	0003-4694-42
0004-3502-37	0001-5832-44	0002-1668-25
	0001-9625-88	0003-2735-05
	0001-6802-63	0001-8555-43
	0001-8248-04	

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this application should be forwarded to Amy Kavelman, Director, Federal Regulatory Advocacy via facsimile on (202) 336-7922 or by hand-delivery to 1300 I Street, NW, Suite 400 West, Washington, DC 20005.



Attachments:

Illustrative Tariff Pages  
Form 159