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Application No. 55 - Amended

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Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) hereby apply for Special Permission for a waiver of Sections 61.58 and 61.59 of the Commission's Rules.

On September 16, 2002, Verizon issued Transmittal No. 243 which provided revised tariff pages and supporting data for the Fourth Quarter 2002 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) charge for its Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 11, 14, and 16. On September 30, 2002, the Commission released an Order (DA 02-2472) suspending Transmittal No. 243 for five months and instituting an investigation of the rates, which included an adjustment for uncollectable amounts based on residential and business customer net bad debt experienced in the first eight months of 2002.

Following discussions with the Commission's Staff, Verizon is proposing to withdraw the revisions filed under Transmittal No. 243. Verizon then intends to refile on one day's notice revised tariff pages and supporting data for the Fourth Quarter 2002 FUSF charge which do not include the adjustment for uncollectable amounts. Once these tariff revisions are in effect, Verizon further proposes to refile on full statutory notice revised tariff pages and supporting data which include the adjustment for uncollectable amounts.

As a result, the following waivers of the Commission's Rules are requested:

1. A waiver of Sections 61.58 and 61.59 in order to withdraw the revisions originally submitted under Transmittal No. 243, currently suspended, and to allow existing rates on a new page to become effective on same day's notice.
2. A waiver of Section 61.58 in order to refile rate revisions and supporting documentation, without uncollectables, on one day's notice.

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3. A waiver of Section 61.59 in order to file new material, including revised rates and supporting documentation with uncollectables, that has not been in effect for a 30 days.

Illustrative tariff pages for Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 11 14, and 16 are included with this filing.

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 \$655.00 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 over ETFS as a proprietary document.

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

<u>FCC No. 1</u>	<u>FCC No. 11</u>	<u>FCC No. 14</u>	<u>FCC No. 16</u>
0002-0112-78	0003-4694-42	0004-3502-37	0004-3502-37
0002-0732-03	0003-6289-71	0001-5364-24	0001-9625-88
0002-1092-13		0001-8248-04	0001-5832-44
0002-1668-25		0001-5832-44	0001-6802-63
0003-2717-98		0001-5832-28	0001-5364-24
0003-2735-05		0001-9625-88	0004-1917-89
0003-3166-92		0001-6802-63	0001-8555-43
		0001-5209-80	
		0004-3502-52	

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with these filings should be forwarded to Richard T. Ellis, Director, Federal Affairs via facsimile on (202) 336-7866 or by hand-delivery to 1300 I Street, NW, Suite 400 West, Washington, DC 20005.



Attachments:
Illustrative Tariff Pages
Support documentation
Form 159