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Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by the Verizon Telephone Companies and bearing Tariff FCC No. 5, Interstate IntraLATA Message Telecommunications Service, is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This material, filed on fifteen days’ notice, is scheduled to become effective January 11, 2003, and consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

Tariff F.C.C. No.
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Check Sheet Revision No.
7th Revised Page 1

Under authority of Special Permission No. 02-149 of the Federal Communications Commission Verizon is introducing Local Package Basic, a new optional service plan for residence customers in Pennsylvania that combines local exchange services, unlimited Intrastate IntraLATA toll usage, and the choice of available Intrastate optional central office service features together with unlimited Interstate IntraLATA service.

Support material under Section 61.49 of the Commission’s Rules is not required to make this filing.

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

Payment in the amount of \$695.00 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 transmittal on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRNs:

Tariff FCC No. 5
0003-2717-98,
0003-2735-05

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing 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:

Revised Tariff Pages
Form 159