

**THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES**

**TARIFF FCC NO. 20**

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

**Verizon Infospeed DSL Solutions – Micronesia**

**Upgrade Speeds of Available DSL Services**

**Transmittal No. 493**

**September 23, 2004**

## 1. Introduction

The Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) submit tariff pages to upgrade the speeds of the available Verizon Infospeed DSL Solutions – Micronesia service provided in its Tariff FCC No. 20, Communications Services. Supporting material as specified under Section 61.49 of the Commission’s Rules is not required for this filing.

## 2. Description

Verizon Infospeed DSL Solutions – Micronesia was originally filed under Transmittal No. 311 with an effective date of April 29, 2003. Two speeds were available with this filing: 768K / 640K and 512K / 356K. An additional speed, 256K / 128K, was introduced under Transmittal No. 430 with an effective date of April 29, 2004.

This filing upgrades each of the three available speeds to a higher speed, with no change in rates, as detailed following:

<u>Current Speed</u>	<u>Proposed Speed</u>	<u>Existing Monthly Rate</u>
768K / 640K	1024K / 768K	\$ 139.00
512K / 356K	768K / 512K	\$ 85.00
256K / 128K	512K / 256K	\$ 50.00

Existing customers will be automatically upgraded to the appropriate higher speed, at no charge, beginning on the effective date of the tariff. No changes are proposed to the existing monthly rates because the cost support included with the introduction of Verizon DSL Solutions – Micronesia was developed to cover all possible speeds that could be provided by the equipment deployed.

### **3. Reason For This Filing**

Broadband users are demanding greater speeds in order to allow them to access additional services and features available on the Internet. Verizon, and other broadband service providers, have been making greater speeds available to the marketplace to satisfy this demand.

This filing will extend the availability of higher speeds to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and permit them to access services that require greater bandwidth than is currently available.