

THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES

**TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 1
CONTRACT TARIFF OPTION 22**

DESCRIPTION

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The Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") are submitting tariff pages to introduce a new contract tariff option ("Option 22") in its Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. This option is filed pursuant to Verizon receiving Pricing Flexibility relief for Special Access Services in qualifying Metropolitan Statistical Areas ("MSAs")¹.

Option 22 provides a discount to the monthly rates for Special Access High Capacity DS3 Service - Primary Premises Channel Terminations ("SpA Primary Premises CTs") when the customer subscribes to High Capacity DS3 Switched and/or Special Access Services at locations with twelve (12) or more DS3 Service Primary Premises CTs ("Qualifying Locations"). Although High Capacity DS3 Switched Access Service - Primary Premises CTs are not eligible for the Option 22 discount, they are counted for the purpose of determining the rate step and corresponding discount to be applied to SpA Primary Premises CTs.

In order to be eligible for Option 22, a customer must meet the criteria specified in the attached tariff pages and must subscribe to Option 22 no later than December 31, 2005. Additionally, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached tariff pages, any new SpA Primary Premises CTs ordered at a Qualifying Location must be ordered with a 3-year or 5-year TPP, or included in Commitment Discount Plan ("CDP"), as applicable.

The service period for each SpA Primary Premises CT that is subscribed to Option 22 is equal to the time that such SpA Primary Premises CT is in-service at a Qualifying Location, and ending no later than December 31, 2010. When subscribing an in-service SpA Primary Premises CT to Option 22, the service period commences with the date that of subscription to Option 22.

¹ Memorandum Opinion and Order, In the Matter of Verizon Petitions for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services, CCB/CPD Nos. 00-24, 00-28 (DA 01-663) released March 14, 2001, CCB/CPD File No. 01-27 (DS 02-706) released March 22, 2002, and WCB/Pricing No. 02-33 (DA 03-1024) released March 31, 2003.

When adding new SpA Primary Premises CTs to a Qualifying Location, the service period commences with the date of installation. In either case, the service period for each such SpA Primary Premises CT ends upon disconnection of the service or December 31, 2010, whichever occurs first. The Option 22 discount level is determined monthly by a count of the number of in-service High Capacity DS3 Switched and Special Access Services Primary Premises CTs at a Qualifying Location.

The attached tariff pages provide a complete description of the terms and conditions and rates and charges applicable to Option 22.