

**THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES**

**INTELLILIGHT DEDICATED SONET RING**

**(TARIFF F.C.C. NOs. 1 & 11)**

**VERIZON DEDICATED SONET RING**

**(TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 14)**

**TRANSITIONAL BILLED UPGRADE**

**CONTRACT TARIFF OPTION**

**DESCRIPTION**

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## **DESCRIPTION**

The Verizon Telephone Companies ("Verizon") are submitting tariff pages to introduce a new Contract Tariff Option ("Option") for customers who upgrade one or two Dedicated SONET Rings into a single Dedicated SONET Ring of a greater capacity (e.g., upgrading two OC12 rings into a single OC48 ring). Dedicated SONET Ring is named IntelliLight<sup>®</sup> Dedicated SONET Ring ("IDSR") in Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 11 and Verizon Dedicated SONET Ring ("DSR") in Tariff F.C.C. No. 14, collectively Dedicated SONET Ring ("DSR"). DSR provides a customer with a dedicated, high capacity customized network in capacities of OC3, OC12, OC48 and OC192. The network is comprised of SONET network elements which are add/drop multiplexing equipment at customer locations ("nodes") and facilities configured in a full (closed) ring or a partial ring. The ring architecture or topology assures survivability of the service. A full ring is wholly provided by Verizon and a partial ring utilizes high speed fiber meets between Verizon DSR facilities and SONET ring facilities of the customer or of a third party.

An upgrade is the replacement of one or two existing DSRs ("old DSR(s)") with a new DSR of a greater capacity ("new DSR"). Once construction of the new DSR backbone ring is complete, the customer is notified that the ring is available for its use and that the customer may order the lower level, point-to-point services ("derived channels") to be migrated from the old DSR(s) to the new DSR. Billing for the new DSR commences once construction of the backbone ring is complete. Disconnection of the old DSR(s) occurs once all derived channels have been disconnected from the old DSR(s) and are installed and operational on the new DSR.

With the new Option, the customer receives a transitional billing credit equal to fifty percent ("50%") of the recurring monthly charges for the node and mileage rate elements that were assessed to both the old DSR(s) and the new IDSR during the upgrade for a specific period of time as determined by the capacity of the new DSR. Specifically, two (2) months of billing credit will be applied when the new DSR is an OC12, four (4) months of billing credit will be applied when the new DSR is an OC48 and six (6) months of billing credit will be applied when the new DSR is an OC192. Verizon will apply the transitional billing credit to the customer's bill once the upgrade is complete. The upgrade is deemed to be complete when the old DSR(s) are disconnected.

Customers who subscribe an upgrade to this Option will have their term commitment period on the new DSR extended by 2 months for an OC12 DSR, by 4 months for an OC48 DSR or by 6 months for an OC192 DSR as described in the attached tariff pages.

The attached tariff pages provide a complete description of this proposed new Option.