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**This material is filed on 15 days'  
notice under Section 204(a)(3)  
of the Communications Act**

Transmittal No. 656

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) and bearing Tariff FCC Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 15, 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 and scheduled to become effective December 31, 2005, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

<u>Tariff F.C.C. No.</u>	<u>Check Sheet Revision No.</u>
4	23rd Revised Page 1
5	16th Revised Page 1
12	14th Revised Page 1 13th Revised Page 2
15	14th Revised Page 1

With this transmittal, Verizon is proposing the following:

1. Adding Verizon Regional Value and Verizon Regional Essentials to Residential Generic Optional Calling Plans in FCC Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 15.

2. Adjusting rates for Regional Package and Regional Package Extra in FCC No. 4 and rates for Regional Package Unlimited in FCC Nos. 5 and 12.
3. Adding Pennsylvania to Regional Package, Regional Package Extra and Regional Package Unlimited in FCC No. 15.

The rate adjustments proposed with this filing are allocations and will not result in an increase in the price the customer pays.

Supporting material as described under Section 61.49 of Commission's Rules is not required with 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 \$720.00 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.

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

<u>Tariff FCC No. 4</u>	<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 5</u>	<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 12</u>	<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 15</u>
0002-1092-13, 0002-1668-25, 0002-0732-03, 0002-0112-78	0003-2717-98, 0003-2735-05	0003-4694-42	0004-3502-37, 0001-5364-24, 0001-8248-04, 0001-5832-44, 0001-9625-88, 0001-6802-63

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this transmittal should be forwarded to Suzanne Carmel, Director, Federal Regulatory Advocacy via facsimile on (202) 336-7922 or by hand-delivery to 1300 I Street, NW, Suite 400 West, Washington, DC 20005.



Attachments:

Revised Tariff Pages  
Form 159