

THE VERIZON TELEPHONE COMPANIES

MODIFICATIONS TO SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

IN NEAR OUT OF FRANCHISE AREAS

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DESCRIPTION

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The Verizon Telephone Companies (“Verizon”) are submitting tariff pages to modify its Switched Access Service offerings in Near Out of Franchise (“NOOF”) areas. The following modifications are made to Verizon’s Switched Access Service in Tariff FCC No. 19.

- The rate level of Switched Access Service NOOF rates is revised to correspond to the rates of the incumbent carrier. Verizon revises these rates as allowed in the CLEC Access Reform Order¹ which permitted Certified Local Exchange Carriers (“CLECs”) to tariff their Switched Access Service rates, for those areas where they have previously offered service, at either a benchmark rate established by the Commission, or the rate of the corresponding incumbent carrier in the study area of the relevant end user customer, whichever is higher. The CLEC Access Reform Order was upheld in the Federal Communications Commission’s Eighth Report and Order and Fifth Order on Reconsideration².

¹ In the Matter of Access Charge Reform, Reform of Access Charges Imposed by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 92-262, Seventh Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 16 FCC Rcd 9923 (2001) (*CLEC Access Reform Order*) at Section III (D) (51) *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 61.26.

² Eighth Report and Order and Fifth Order on Reconsideration, In the Matter of Access Charge Reform; Reform of Access Charges Imposed by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, in CC Docket No. 92-262, adopted May 13, 2004 and released May 18, 2004.

- The following End Office Service Optional Arrangements are removed. Verizon has no customers who currently subscribe to these optional arrangements and therefore, there are no customers affected by the removal of these End Office Service Optional Arrangements.
 - * Intra Access Area Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group
 - * InterLATA Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group
 - * Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group Outside the Access Area
 - * Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling
 - * Hunt Group Arrangement
 - * Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group Arrangement
 - * Nonhunting Number for Use with Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
 - * Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group and Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement
- Removal of Feature Group A and Feature Group C in the NOOF areas. Verizon does not currently have any customers who subscribe to Feature Group A or Feature Group C in NOOF areas and therefore, there are no customers affected by the removal of the Feature Groups in NOOF areas.
- Elimination of the Interconnection, Information Surcharge, Cross Connect and Installation Charge for FGA Optional Call Blocking Arrangement rate elements. Verizon does not currently have any customers who subscribe to these rate elements and therefore, there are no customers who are affected by the elimination of these rate elements in NOOF areas.

- Regulations describing the differentiation in premium and non-premium rates are removed as this differentiation is no longer needed.
- The list of available Service Access Codes is updated.

The attached tariff pages provide a complete description of the modifications made to Switched Access Service in NOOF areas.