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Application No. 159

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) hereby apply for Special Permission for a waiver of Section 61.58 and 61.59 of the Commission's Rules.

On April 14, 2006, Verizon issued Transmittal No. 696 in order to introduce a Renewal Option for its Commitment Discount Plan offering in Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 11. Based on discussions with Commission Staff, Verizon wishes to withdraw Transmittal No. 696 prior to it becoming effective on April 29, 2006.

As a result, Verizon requests special permission to waive the requirements of Section 61.58 and 61.59 of the Commission's Rules in order to withdraw the material pending under Transmittal No. 696 prior to its scheduled effective date of April 29, 2006 and to reinstate material presently in effect.

Illustrative tariff pages are included with this application.

This application 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 via 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 application on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRNs:

<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 1</u>	<u>Tariff F.C.C. No. 11</u>
0002-1092-13	0003-4694-42
0003-2717-98	0003-6289-71
0002-1668-25	
0003-3166-92	
0003-2735-05	
0002-0732-03	
0002-0112-78	

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this application 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:

Illustrative Tariff Pages
Form 159