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Application No. 161

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S. W.
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Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) hereby apply for Special Permission for a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules.

Verizon plans to introduce a new contract tariff option (Option) in its Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. With this new Option, a customer can disconnect an existing Special Access Verizon Dedicated SONET Ring Service (DSR) that it previously purchased under Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 and replace that previously purchased DSR with a new DSR that the customer purchases from the Telephone Company in a Phase I or Phase II Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 or of Tariff F.C.C. No. 11. The replacing DSR must have an optical carrier rate that is equal to, or greater than, the optical carrier rate of the disconnected DSR. When the eligibility requirements set forth in the new Option are met, termination liability as it would normally apply under the term pricing plan for DSR will not apply for early cancellation of the term pricing plan.

The new contract tariff option will make reference to Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 for the following purposes:

- * Reference is made to the MSAs of Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 from which the replacing DSR may be ordered.
- * Reference is made to the 5-year term plan rates of Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 which are applicable when the replacing DSR is ordered under Tariff F.C.C. No. 11.
- * Reference is made to the date that billing begins for the replacing DSR in accordance with Section 5.2 of Tariff F.C.C. No. 11.
- * Reference is made to the Section 34 of Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 from which the regulations for termination liability and other customer obligations applicable to the replacing DSR are found.

Verizon therefore requests special permission to waive the requirements of Section 61.74 of the Commission's Rules in order to allow Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 to Reference Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 for the reasons stated above.

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:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 1

0002-0112-78
0002-0732-03
0002-1092-13
0002-1668-25
0003-2717-98
0003-2735-05
0003-3166-92

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this application should be forwarded to Amy Kavelman, 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.

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Attachments:

Illustrative Tariff Pages for Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
Form 159