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Application No. 163

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The Verizon Telephone Companies<sup>1</sup> (Verizon) hereby apply for Special Permission for a waiver of Section 61.59 of the Commission's Rules.

On September 15, 2006, under Transmittal No. 735, Verizon filed rate changes in its Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 14 and 16 to reflect exogenous cost adjustments in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order on Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)<sup>2</sup>. Also, on September 15, 2006, Verizon plans to file additional rate changes in its Tariff FCC Nos. 1, 11, 14 and 16 to reflect exogenous cost adjustments in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order on Local Number Portability (LNP)<sup>3</sup>. Certain rate changes pending under the TRS filing are subject to further revision in the LNP filing, requiring a waiver of Section 61.59 to allow changes to pending material which is not yet in effect.

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<sup>1</sup> The Verizon Telephone Companies participating in the filing of this application include Verizon Delaware Inc.; Verizon Maryland Inc.; Verizon New Jersey Inc.; Verizon Pennsylvania Inc.; Verizon Virginia Inc.; Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc.; Verizon West Virginia Inc.; Contel of the South Inc., Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida Inc., Verizon North Inc., Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., Verizon Southwest Inc., and Verizon West Coast Inc.

<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, FCC Order 04-199, released June 30, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> In the Matter of Verizon's Petition for Waiver of the Commission's Rules to Treat Unrecovered Local Number Portability Costs as Exogenous Costs under Section 61.45(d), FCC Order 95-116, released September 14, 2006.

Verizon therefore requests special permission to waive the requirements of Section 61.59 of the Commission's Rules in order to allow the required changes to pending material.

Illustrative tariff pages are included with this application.

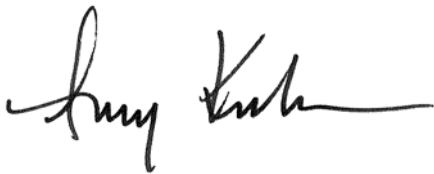
This application and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS).

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><b>Tariff F.C.C. No. 1</b></u>	<u><b>Tariff FCC No. 14</b></u>	<u><b>Tariff FCC No. 16</b></u>
0002-0112-78	0001-5364-24	0001-5364-24
0002-0732-03	0001-5832-28	0001-5832-44
0002-1092-13	0001-5832-44	0001-6802-63
0002-1668-25	0001-6802-63	0001-9625-88
0003-2717-98	0001-8248-04	0004-3502-37
0003-2735-05	0001-8555-43	
0003-3166-92	0001-9625-88	
	0004-3502-37	

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.



Attachments:

Illustrative Tariff Pages  
Form 159