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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION & WAIVER REQUEST FILED BY VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC

WC Docket No. 18-13
Report No. NCD-2796

January 25, 2018

Re: NETWORK CHANGE NOTICE RECEIVED

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC (Verizon), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed public notice of network changes involving the retirement of copper, as required by section 51.332(b)(1) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission).¹ Upon initial review the filing appears to be complete.² Attached is a copy of the notice of network change(s) (total of two pages). A copy of Verizon's notice and exhibit attachment also may be obtained on the Internet at: <http://www.verizon.com/about/terms-conditions/network-disclosures>. In addition, Verizon has filed a request for waiver of section 51.332 to the extent necessary to allow for implementation of the proposed copper retirement upon fewer than 180 days' notice, as described below and as detailed in its request.³

The incumbent LEC's notice refer(s) to the change(s) identified below:

Copper Retirement ID Number	Type of Change(s)	Location of Change(s)	Planned Implementation Date(s)
2018-01-A-PA	In response to the recent announcement of bridge replacement work by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) & the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), Verizon plans to retire a number of copper facilities and replace them with fiber facilities to provide services over its fiber-to-the-home network infrastructure.	The Allens Lane Bridge replacement project: Chestnut Hill, PA wire center (CLLI: PHLAPACH) – 8318 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19108 & the Woodland Avenue Bridge replacement project: Saratoga, PA wire center (CLLI: PHLAPASA) – 5400 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 18143.	On or after April 1, 2018

¹ See 47 CFR § 51.332(b)(1).

² See 47 CFR § 51.332(c)(1).

³ See Request of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC for Waiver of Section 51.332 of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket No. 18-13 (filed Jan. 12, 2018), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112069097547/VZ%202018-01-12%20Waiver%20Request%20PA.pdf> (Verizon Petition for Waiver); see also 47 CFR § 1.3; 47 CFR § 51.332(f).

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Incumbent LEC public notices of network change filed for the retirement of copper pursuant to section 51.332 are deemed approved on the 180th day after the release of the Commission’s public notice of the filing.⁴ For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission’s decision, the date of “public notice” shall be 180 days after the release date of this Public Notice, or the date announced in any further public notice or order announcing final action, as applicable. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket will be closed.

In association with its network change disclosure filing, Verizon requests waiver of section 51.332 to the extent necessary to allow for implementation of its proposed copper retirements upon fewer than 180 days’ notice, and within the timeframes recently established by the SEPTA and the PennDOT. As detailed in its waiver request, Verizon submits that the SEPTA and the PennDOT recently informed Verizon that they will be replacing two bridges in the City of Philadelphia on April 1, 2018.⁵ Verizon indicates that this bridge replacement work will sever some of Verizon’s copper facilities, so Verizon plans to retire the copper facilities and serve customers over its fiber network infrastructure.⁶ According to Verizon, these special circumstances outside of its control will impact approximately 900 addresses with about 90 active circuits.⁷ Verizon states, however, that it has notified interconnecting carriers and its customers, and that it plans to work with them to streamline their migration to fiber.⁸ Verizon maintains that the majority of affected customers receiving “plain old telephone service” (POTS) will be migrated to like-for-like services on fiber at the same or better price, and that it will work on a customer-by-customer basis to address the particular needs of customers currently receiving services other than POTS.⁹

Given the circumstances, we seek comment on Verizon’s waiver request.¹⁰ Commenters must file any comments regarding the waiver request no later than February 5, 2018. Verizon may file reply comments in response to any comments filed no later than February 12, 2018. Interested parties may file comments regarding the waiver request using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers

⁴ See 47 CFR § 51.332(f).

⁵ Verizon Petition for Waiver at 1-3.

⁶ *Id.* at 1.

⁷ *Id.* at 3-4.

⁸ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁹ *Id.* at 4.

¹⁰ See 47 CFR § 1.3. Verizon’s waiver request is officially announced in this public notice and deemed to have been filed as of the release date of the public notice for purposes of filing comments and reply comments in response to the filing.

should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Interested parties also may comment on the waiver request by sending an e-mail to NetworkChange@fcc.gov. The subject line of the e-mail must include the correct NCD Report Number or docket number in order for the comments to be considered in conjunction with this proceeding. All information submitted including names and addresses will be publicly available via the web.

Parties who choose to file paper copies must file an original and one copy of each filing. Such filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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For further information, please contact Rodney McDonald at (202) 418-7513 or Carmell Weathers at (202) 418-2325, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (888) 835-5322.

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¹¹ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*