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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Verizon Public Notice of Network Change(s), 47 C.F.R. §§51.325–51.335**  
**Copper Retirement ID No. 2017-03-A-RI**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Verizon hereby submits the attached Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.332. Specifically, Verizon is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in the Narragansett and Scituate Structure wire centers located in RI. Upon completion, Verizon will provide services available over its fiber optic network.

The majority of customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service." Following transition to fiber, Verizon will continue to offer these customers the same POTS over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities, with no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service.

There may be one or more obsolete, narrowband services (such as certain DS0 level services) that are incompatible with or unavailable over fiber. If so, we will work closely with those customers to address their particular needs.

A copy of the attached notice was mailed to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, Governor Gina Raimondo, and the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer. Verizon has not provided notification to tribal entities as no tribal entity will be impacted by this copper retirement.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

cc: Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
Governor Gina Raimondo  
Department of Defense Chief Information Officer

On August 23, 2017, Verizon provided notice of copper retirement to the following:

Chairperson Margaret Curran  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

The Honorable Gina Raimondo  
Office of the Governor  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Department of Defense Chief Information Officer  
Attn: Military Asst./Mobility Team  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.332**  
**Copper Retirement ID No. 2017-03-A-RI**

August 23, 2017

**Carrier:** Verizon New England Inc., 6 Bowdoin Square, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02114

**Contact:** For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

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Verizon Communications  
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**Implementation Date:** On or after August 23, 2018

**Planned Network Change(s) will occur at all locations in the following wire center areas in Rhode Island:**

Wire Center	Address	CLLI
NARRAGANSETT, RI	95 Main St., Narragansett, RI 02882	NRGNRIMA
SCITUATE STRUCTURE, RI	1 W. Greenville Rd., Glocester, RI 02828	SCTTRISI

**All of Verizon's copper retirement notices may be viewed on Verizon's website at**  
<http://www.verizon.com/about/terms-conditions/network-disclosures>

**Description of the planned network change(s):**

Verizon intends to retire the copper facilities in the Narragansett and Scituate Structure wire centers located in RI. Verizon has deployed or plans to deploy its fiber-to-the-home network in these areas and intends to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure.

**Description of reasonably foreseeable impact(s) of the planned change(s):**

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Verizon will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities.

**Description of any changes in prices, terms, or conditions that will accompany the planned change(s):**

As a general matter, the retirement of copper facilities will not result in changes to rates, terms, and conditions in cases where the affected service is converted to a like-for-like service that is available on fiber facilities. Interconnecting entities, however, should review the applicable tariff or agreement for certain terms that may apply specifically in cases where the service is provisioned on fiber. In cases where interconnecting entities elect to replace the affected service with an alternative service that Verizon offers on fiber facilities, the rates, terms and conditions will be as set forth in the tariff or agreement under which Verizon offers the replacement service that the interconnecting entity selects. Verizon, separately from this notice, will provide interconnecting entities with further information regarding service migration options that Verizon offers.