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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon New England Inc., Verizon New Jersey Inc., Verizon New York Inc., Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, and Verizon Virginia LLC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Verizon incumbent local exchange companies captioned above ("Verizon") hereby submit the enclosed Application under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to grandfather the following five legacy interstate DS0 services: Voice Grade Service, WATS Access Line Service, Bonded Digital Link Service, Digital Data Service, and DIGIPATH Digital Service II in six wire centers.

Verizon intends to grandfather the aforementioned services in the Lynnfield, MA, Farmingdale, NJ, Belle Harbor, NY, Orchard Park, NY, Hummelstown, PA and Ocean View, VA wire centers. Affected customers have been notified in writing. A copy of the written notification is attached to the Application.

Verizon is filing the original and five copies of this letter (with the attached Application) with the Office of the Secretary.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 202-515-2590.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Fred" or similar, written in a cursive style.

Attachment

cc: Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Public Utilities Commission for Each Affected State
Governor of Each Affected State

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
Verizon New England Inc., Verizon New)
Jersey Inc., Verizon New York Inc.,)
Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, and Verizon)
Virginia LLC) File No. _____
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, As)
Amended To Discontinue the Provision of)
Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CERTAIN
VERIZON INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES**

The Verizon incumbent local exchange companies captioned above (“Verizon”) submit this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules to grandfather five legacy interstate DS0 services in six wire centers.¹ Fewer than ten customers with fewer than twenty circuits still use these services and there have been no new orders for these services in over a year in these areas. Once grandfathered, these existing customers will continue to receive these same legacy DS0 services but over Verizon’s more advanced and reliable fiber facilities rather than copper facilities.

As discussed with the Commission previously, Verizon is migrating these six wire centers to all-fiber facilities. Customers in these six wire centers have already overwhelmingly made the decision to move either to our fiber-based services or to competitors’ services. Indeed, at the time we began this project, less than five percent of the total addresses in these wire

¹ These legacy voice and low-speed data services are Voice Grade Service, WATS Access Line Service, Bonded Digital Link Service, Digital Data Service, and DIGIPATH Digital Service II.

centers were receiving Verizon's services over copper. Completing the transition in these areas is not just a logical and an efficient step, but an incremental one.

During this transition, we have been working one-on-one with our customers receiving service over copper facilities to discuss their existing services and their needs going forward. For the vast majority of these customers, there has been a like-for-like, fiber-based service available for them, making this transition straightforward. Most of these customers are purchasing plain old telephone service (POTS) from us. These POTS customers will continue to receive the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price, and there is no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service. For those few customers at issue purchasing broadband Internet services over copper facilities, FiOS Internet will provide them far more than they are getting today. Notwithstanding the greater speed and reliability they will experience, our offerings for these customers will also include comparable pricing. Similarly, customers will continue to be able to buy DS1 level services as they do today, just over the more reliable network.

In our conversations with customers, we have identified a small number of legacy interstate special access services – Voice Grade Service, WATS Access Line Service, Bonded Digital Link Service, Digital Data Service, and DIGIPATH Digital Service II – which no longer serve a substantial need for the majority of our customers. These services are outdated legacy voice and data transmission services that have largely fallen out of favor as customers have chosen new options and technologies. While we are able to support these services over fiber for the very small number of existing customers and circuits, given the decreased demand for these outdated services, we will grandfather those services here, preventing new customers from

ordering them. Customers who have an existing contractual right to submit orders for moves, adds or changes, can continue to do so on terms consistent with their contracts.

Consistent with 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, Verizon provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (a)(1), (b)(2)):

Verizon New England Inc.
125 High Street - Oliver Tower 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Verizon New Jersey Inc.
540 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Verizon New York Inc.
140 West Street
New York, NY 10007

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
1717 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Verizon Virginia LLC
22001 Loudoun County Parkway
Ashburn, VA 20147

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuation (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization, on or after November 1, 2014, Verizon will stop accepting new orders for Voice Grade Service, WATS Access Line Service, Bonded Digital Link Service, Digital Data Service, and DIGIPATH Digital Service II in the six wire centers.²

² Specifically, Verizon is grandfathering Voice Grade Service, WATS Access Line Service, Bonded Digital Link Service, and Digital Data Service in six wire centers: Lynnfield, MA, Farmingdale, NJ, Belle Harbor, NY, Orchard Park, NY, Hummelstown, PA, and Ocean View, VA. In addition, Verizon is grandfathering DIGIPATH Digital Service II in the Lynnfield, MA, Belle Harbor NY, and Orchard Park, NY wire centers. (DIGIPATH Digital Service II is not currently offered in the Farmingdale, Hummelstown, or Ocean View wire centers.) Subject to

Existing customers may retain their grandfathered service in accordance with the terms of the applicable tariffs and this application until such time as they choose to cancel the service or until Verizon receives permission to discontinue offering the service. Except as permitted by existing contracts, Verizon will not permit or accept orders for moves, adds, or changes to these services after they have been grandfathered.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon intends to grandfather the aforementioned services in the Lynnfield, MA, Farmingdale, NJ, Belle Harbor, NY, Orchard Park, NY, Hummelstown, PA and Ocean View, VA wire centers.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The services at issue here are all legacy voice and very low-speed data transmission services. Customers today can obtain alternative services and products from Verizon or other providers that perform the same functions as these services, including fiber-based Voice Service, FiOS Internet Service, Switched Ethernet Service, Private Internet Protocol Service, DS1 Service, Machine-to-Machine Service, and 800 Service. Specifically, the five services here are:

Voice Grade Service uses dedicated lines to provide voice frequency transmission capability for connecting location-to-location or to the public network. Voice Grade Service terminations transmit in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz. It may be terminated as analog two-wire or four-wire. Voice Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Verizon hub. Voice Grade Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No.1, Sec. 7.2.3 and Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.3.

the Commission's authorization, on November 1, 2014, Verizon intends to file tariff revisions on 15 days' notice to reflect the grandfathering and discontinuance.

WATS Access Line Service provides voice frequency transmission capability for toll free calling in a limited geographic area. The service provides a customer premise to customer premise connection with the combination of WATS Access Connection (WAC), a dedicated channel between the customer's end user's premises and a WATS Serving Office (WSO) equipped with a Switched Access Service arrangement. WATS Access Line Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.3.1 and Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.10.

Bonded Digital Link Service provides connecting channels for the transmission of voice or data between an end user's local exchange service terminating at a digital cross connect facility and special access service provided by Verizon within the same wire center or at another wire center within the same LATA. Bonded Digital Link Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.8.1 and Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.21.

Digital Data Service provides duplex transmission of synchronous serial data at 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, or 56 kbps. In addition, digital data service is offered at 64 kbps in the Farmingdale, NJ, Hummelstown, PA, and Ocean View, VA wire centers. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Digital Data Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.8 and Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.8.

DIGIPATH Digital Service II is a channel for the simultaneous transmission of digital data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56, or 64 kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. DIGIPATH Digital Service II is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.11.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

Verizon sent notices to customers that currently subscribe to the affected services by U.S. Mail on or before August 14, 2014. Copies of the notices are attached as Exhibit A.

Verizon is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

Verizon is classified for regulatory purposes under the Commission's rules as dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Michael E. Glover
Of Counsel

August 14, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of August, 2014, I caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following parties on the attached service list.


Katharine R. Saunders

SERVICE LIST

MASSACHUSETTS

Karen Charles Peterson, Commissioner
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Boston, MA 02118

The Honorable Deval Patrick
Office of the Governor
Room 105
Boston, MA 02133

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Dianne Solomon, President
Board of Public Utilities
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The Honorable Chris Christie
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Governor of New York State
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Robert F. Powelson, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
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Office of the Governor
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

VIRGINIA

Judith W. Jagdmann, Chairman
State Corporation Commission
Division of Communications
P.O. Box 1197
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The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
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Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

EXHIBIT A

Verizon
One Verizon Way, VC22W464
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920



August 14, 2014



RE: Account Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Valued Customer,

Verizon is upgrading its network to all-fiber in your location, as part of our project to migrate all services to fiber facilities in six of our wire centers: Lynnfield, MA, Belle Harbor, NY, Orchard Park, NY, Farmingdale, NJ, Hummelstown, PA, and Ocean View, VA. We have already been in contact with you about the planned transition and appreciate your coordination with us as we work to migrate services to our advanced and reliable fiber facilities.

Following that transition, we will be grandfathering a small number of legacy interstate special access services in these six areas:

Voice Grade Service provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz. Voice Grade Service is further described in FCC 1, Sec. 7.2.3 and FCC 11, Sec. 7.2.3.

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As you review your service needs going forward, we encourage you to consider alternative service options that may better fit your requirements. For example, there are several suitable alternatives to these services offered by Verizon that may provide you with additional features or benefits, including:

- *Fiber-based Voice Service*
- *FiOS Internet Service*
- *Switched Ethernet Service*
- *Private Internet Protocol Service*
- *DS1 Service*
- *Machine-to-Machine Service*
- *800 Service*

We look forward to speaking with you about your long term service needs and how best we can continue to serve you. Please contact Verizon account team representative Kerry Penque at 908-559-6219 to discuss these and other alternatives to determine which solution makes the most sense for you.

We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you.

Sincerely,

Verizon Global Wholesale

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FCC Required Notice: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Verizon New England Inc.; Verizon New York Inc.; Verizon New Jersey Inc.; Verizon Pennsylvania LLC; and Verizon Virginia LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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Sincerely,

Verizon Enterprise Solutions

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