

DT 05-120

VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tariff Filing for Routine Network Modifications

Order Granting Approval of Proposed Tariff Revisions

ORDER NO. 24,518

September 22, 2005

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 15, 2005, Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its NHPUC Tariff No. 84. The revisions define a variety of activities associated with routine network modifications. In addition, Verizon proposed to extend rates for certain Engineering Queries and Engineering Work Orders, as originally approved in Docket No. DT 01-006 in the context of conditioning loops, to apply to all of the network modifications enumerated in its filing. On July 26, 2005, Verizon revised its filing, and acknowledged that it did not oppose the commencement of the 30-day statutory review period on that date. Verizon represented that its filing was made to conform with the FCC's Triennial Review Order (TRO) requirement that Verizon perform the same routine network modifications for competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs), when provisioning unbundled network elements (UNEs), that it would perform for its own customers.

On August 1, 2005, the Commission issued an Order of Notice scheduling a Prehearing Conference and extending the review period an additional 30 days, pursuant to RSA 378:6, IV. On August 3, 2005, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) notified the Commission of its participation in the proceeding. Requests for intervention

were filed with the Commission by Conversent Communications; segTEL, Inc.; BayRing Communications; Great Works Internet; MCI, Inc.; and Covad. All pending interventions have been granted.

A Prehearing Conference was held on August 23, 2005, followed by a technical session. Representatives from Verizon, Conversent Communications, Great Works Internet, MCI, BayRing, segTEL, OCA, and Staff participated in the initial session. A second technical session was held on September 8, 2005.

On September 16, 2005, Staff filed a memorandum reporting that Verizon had agreed, in the course of the technical sessions and further conversations with Staff, to several amendments to the proposed revisions. Staff further reported that Verizon had agreed to make a compliance filing which will reflect the following changes:

- 1) Verizon will remove the engineering query and engineering work order charges (items 10 and 11) from the B.5.3.4.A Application of Rates and Charges section for High Capacity Links.
- 2) Verizon will remove the engineering work order charge (item 11) from the B.5.1.5.A Application of Rates and Charges section for Two Wire Links.
- 3) Verizon will remove the engineering work order charge (item 11) from the B.5.2.5.A Application of Rates and Charges section for Four Wire Links.
- 4) Until such time that the Commission approves rates for the routine network modification activities listed in the proposed tariff, such activities will be listed with a rate of "TBD." Since the term TBD has heretofore not been defined, Verizon will define it in its compliance filing as follows:

Verizon will add "TBD - To Be Determined" to Part A, Section 1.3.1 (Abbreviations).

In Part A, Section 1.3.2 (Tariff Terminology) Verizon will add the following definition:

To Be Determined (TBD) - A rate has not been set for this item. If and when a rate is determined by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, such rate shall apply prospectively from the

date of approval. The use of this term does not mean that the Commission has determined that a rate for this element is or is not warranted.

- 5) Verizon will strike the words "and metrics" from the third sentence of Part B, Section 1.1.1.A.1.

In its memorandum, Staff recommended that the Commission approve Verizon's Tariff 84 revisions, with the changes Staff and Verizon agreed upon, to take effect no later than September 23, 2005. In its memorandum, Staff noted that the Parties did not object to the agreed upon changes, but reserved their right to comment on the Staff memorandum once received. No comments were filed.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

We have reviewed Verizon's filing, as amended by Verizon and Staff. We agree with Staff's recommendation that the changes listed above be implemented through a compliance tariff filing. We find that the proposed tariff revisions, with recommended changes, are reasonable and in the public interest and will be approved for effect September 23, 2005.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the proposed tariff revisions, as amended, are APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Verizon shall file a compliance tariff with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this order, with an effective date of September 23, 2005, in accordance with N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 1603.02(b).

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this
twenty-second day of September, 2005.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Graham J. Morrison
Commissioner

Michael D. Harrington
Commissioner

Attested by:

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Executive Director & Secretary