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D.T.E. 00-101

On October 2, 2000, Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("VZ-MA" or "Company") filed revisions to its tariff M.D.T.E. No. 10 with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), in compliance with NYNEX Price Cap, D.P.U. 94-50 (1995). The filing constitutes the Company's sixth annual filing under price cap regulation. The proposed tariff revisions will become effective on December 15, 2000, unless suspended or disallowed by the Department. The Department has the authority to allow the rates to take effect while it continues its investigation, with prospective adjustment if necessary.

VZ-MA Atlantic has proposed a \$38.77 million reduction in overall revenues, representing a 2.09 percent reduction in intrastate revenues.

The Company also proposes, among other things, to:

- ◆ Eliminates the Residence Element 1 Service Ordering charges
- ◆ Reduces the Residence Element 2 Central Office line Connection, Restoral of Service and Temporary Suspension of service charges
- ◆ Eliminates the PAL/PASL unlimited calling to Directory Assistance monthly rate, however, per call charges may apply
- ◆ Reduces the Metropolitan Service monthly rate
- ◆ Reduces the Bay State East service each additional minute rate
- ◆ Increases the Residence Three-Way Calling monthly rate (and associated CCS package monthly rates)
- ◆ Eliminates the change to Touch-Tone after conversion non-recurring charge
- ◆ Increase charges for certain Phonesmart features
- ◆ Reduces the MTS Schedule 3 day per minute rate and charges for the Schedule 3 day credit
- ◆ Reduces the SoundDeal Package 128 LATA monthly rate
- ◆ Reduces the Local Package monthly rates
- ◆ Reduces the Switchway 128 LATA network call usage day per minute rate and changes the day credit
- ◆ Reduces the Business ISDN Basic/Primary 128 LATA network call usage day per minute rate and changes the day credit.

The Department will hold a public hearing on Verizon's filing on **Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Department's offices in Boston (One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110). The Department will hold a procedural conference in this proceeding immediately following the public hearing.

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One of the issues the Department intends to address at the public hearing is whether the Department should suspend Bell Atlantic's proposed rates or allow them to go into effect on December 15, 2000, pending further investigation. Persons interested in commenting on Verizon's filing, and specifically the question of suspension of the proposed rate changes, may appear at the public hearing or file written comments on or before the close of business on **Monday, December 4, 2000** with Mary Cottrell, Secretary, RE: D.T.E. 99-102, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Reply comments are due **Monday, December 11, 2000**. All comments are to be submitted by electronic mail to Tina.Chin@state.ma.us and dte.efiling@state.ma.us, in addition to filing the comments in writing to the above address.

Any person who desires to participate in an adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) **Monday, December 4, 2000**. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing-- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver of the intervention deadline. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person desiring further information can review Verizon's filing at the Department's offices during normal business hours, or can contact Verizon at 1-800-870-9999 weekdays. Residential customers with disabilities can contact Verizon at 1-800-974-6006 (Voice/TTY).

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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 00-101 is required to provide a copy of this legal notice to all intervenors and their
respective counsel from D.P.U. 94-50, D.P.U. 95-83, D.P.U. 96-68, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-67,
D.T.E. 98-67, and D.T.E. 99-102 at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, December
6, 2000. **ORDER OF NOTICE**

Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("VZ-MA") is hereby
required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston
Globe and the Boston Herald once at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, December
6, 2000; and in the Springfield Union News once at least fourteen (14) days prior to
Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

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D.T.E. 98-67, and D.T.E. 99-102 at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, December
6, 2000.

VZ-MA is also required to make return of service and publication at the time of the
public hearing.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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Consent Communication #17

A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of a public hearing on December 6, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. on Verizon's revisions to its tariff.

In City Council December 4, 2000

*Referred to
City Manager*