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Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
Post Office Box 3265  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Pursuant to the Public Utility Commission's Order entered December 22, 2008 and Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed on January 6, 2009 in Docket Nos. C-20077916 & C-20077917, Verizon North Inc. ("Verizon North") is making the following revisions to its Lifeline 135 tariff. This tariff is filed to become effective on March 23, 2009, the date that Verizon will have completed the internal systems work required to allow Lifeline 135 customers to purchase Verizon Local Package, Regional Essentials and Freedom Essentials.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Pa. P.U.C. -No. 4, Section 2  
5th Revised Sheet 18D

Pa. P.U.C. -No. 11, Section 24  
3rd Revised Sheet 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 11

The tariff revision is scheduled to become effective on March 23, 2009. These services are existing noncompetitive services.

This material will appear on the Verizon North web site. The electronic version of this material will be, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate representation of the content of this filing.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact Stephanie Ulrich at 717-777-3501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tabb J. Bishop/sau".

Attachments

Verizon North Incorporated  
Executive Summary

This filing is made pursuant to the Public Utility Commission's Order entered December 22, 2008 and Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed on January 6, 2009 in Docket Nos. C-20077916 & C-20077917 for Lifeline 135 changes. This filing includes revisions to Pa. P.U.C. Tariff -No 4, Local General Tariff and Pa. P.U.C. -No. 11 Informational Tariff for Competitive Services. These tariff changes delete previous language and add new language to allow Lifeline 135 customers to purchase Verizon Local Package, Regional Essentials and Freedom Essentials.

This tariff is being filed January 12, 2009 and is scheduled to become effective on March 23, 2009. These services are existing noncompetitive services. This filing fully complies with the safety, adequacy, reliability and privacy considerations require.

# **VERIZON NORTH INCORPORATED**

**LOCAL GENERAL TARIFF AND**  
**INFORMATIONAL TARIFF FOR COMPETITIVE SERVICES**  
**FOR**  
**ALL PENNSYLVANIA**

ISSUED JANUARY 12, 2009

EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2009

By Tabb J. Bishop, Executive Director  
Strawberry Square, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, Pa.

# **NOTICE**

This filing is made pursuant to the Public Utility Commission's Order entered December 22, 2008 and Verizon's Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed on January 6, 2009 in Docket Nos. C-20077916 & C-20077917 for Lifeline 135 changes. This filing contains revisions to Pa. P.U.C. Tariff No 1 and to Tariff No. 500.

Pa. P.U.C. -No. 4, Local General Tariff  
Section 2, 5th Revised Sheet 18D

Pa. P.U.C. -No. 11, Local – Informational Tariff for Competitive Services  
Section 24, 3rd Revised Sheet 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 11

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

## LIFELINE 135 SERVICE

## A. DESCRIPTION

Lifeline 135 Service is a residence offering for low-income customers who qualify for this service in accordance with the following regulations.

## B. REGULATIONS

1. Lifeline 135 Service is available to qualified residence customers and is provided via a residence individual dial tone line. Lifeline 135 Service is limited to only one service per qualified customer. A potential Lifeline 135 customer who has an outstanding final bill for telephone service which is less than four (4) years old must pay the entire balance of any basic and non-basic service final bill before being eligible for Lifeline 135 Service.
2. Residence Lifeline 135 Service consists of the following tariffed standard features and optional customer elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each feature and service provided:
  - a. One-Party Residence line flat rate or local measured service option, if available.
  - b. Directory listing (standard only).
  - c. Private or Semi-Private Telephone Number Service (only when the Telephone Company has determined customer need).
  - d. Access to Directory Assistance Service.
  - e. Touch Calling Service.
  - f. Access to Message Toll Telephone Service and optional dial station-to-station calling plan services (Note: the Residence Lifeline dial tone line will be blocked from dial station access to 976/556/900 and any other type of Audiotex Service)
  - g. Access to operator services.
  - h. Lifeline 135 Service – Voluntary Toll Restriction option.
  - i. Link Up America (mandatory for Lifeline 135 service).
  - j. Access to 800/888 services.
  - k. Access to Call Tracing Service.
  - l. Access to alerting and reporting systems (9-1-1 dialing).
  - m. Access to the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.
3. An applicant for residence Lifeline 135 Service may choose any of the Company's tariffed optional customer-elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each service provided. Lifeline 135 customers may subscribe to one (1) of the following packages: Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup>, Regional Essentials or Freedom Essentials (Regional Essentials plus an unlimited long distance plan)<sup>1</sup>. (C)
4. An applicant for Lifeline 135 Service is a customer whose income level is at or below 135% Federal Poverty Guidelines or is enrolled in one of the following Pennsylvania programs. (C)
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - General Assistance (GA)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Medicaid
  - Food Stamps
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - State Blind Pension
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - National School Free Lunch Program

<sup>SM</sup> Service Mark of Verizon Communications Inc.

<sup>1</sup> See PUC No. 11, Informational Tariff for Competitive Services; Section 24, Sheet 11.

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PACKAGED SERVICES - RESIDENCE

VERIZON LOCAL PACKAGE EXTRA<sup>SM</sup>/VERIZON LOCAL PACKAGE<sup>SM</sup> (Cont'd)

B. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

3. For purposes of calculating any applicable Monthly Subscription Discount rates for Optional Central Office Services features not included in the packages, but ordered in conjunction with the packages on the customer's same line, the Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> will count as one eligible Optional Central Office Services feature, and the Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup> will count as four eligible Optional Central Office Services features.
4. The Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> are not available in conjunction with Verizon Regional Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>, Verizon Regional Package<sup>SM</sup>, Verizon Regional Package Unlimited<sup>SM</sup>, or any residential optional calling services package (such as Basic Pack, SmartCall or Big Deal Calling Services).
5. The Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup> is not available with Lifeline Service or Lifeline 135 Service. The Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> is not available with Lifeline Service. The Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> is available with Lifeline 135 Service. (C)  
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6. The Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> are not subject to any discounts for: Telephone Service for Employees, Pensioners, and Directors of the Company and its Affiliates.
7. Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> customers who become subject to Company-initiated non-basic service termination procedures will have all existing Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> lines converted to Residence Dial Tone Line Service equipped with a Local Area Unlimited Usage Package, at the applicable tariff rates. The applicable Dial Tone Line Product/Service Charge will not apply for those Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> lines converted due to termination procedures. Such customers will not be permitted to resubscribe to the Verizon Local Package Extra<sup>SM</sup>/Verizon Local Package<sup>SM</sup> option until all associated arrearages are satisfactorily paid in full.

C. RATES

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Verizon Local Package <sup>SM</sup> , per line.....	\$31.99
Verizon Local Package Extra <sup>SM</sup> , per line.....	34.99

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## PACKAGED SERVICES - RESIDENCE

## REGIONAL ESSENTIALS

## B. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

4. Regional Essentials is not available with Lifeline Service. Regional Essentials is available with Lifeline 135 Service. (C)
5. Regional Essentials is not subject to any discounts for: Telephone Service for Employees, Pensioners, and Directors of the Company and its Affiliates.
6. Residence Regional Essentials customers who become subject to Company-initiated Toll or non-basic service termination procedures will have all existing Regional Essentials lines converted to Residence Dial Tone Line Service equipped with a Local Area Unlimited Usage Package, at the applicable tariff rates. The applicable Dial Tone Line Product/Service Charge will not apply for those Regional Essentials lines converted due to termination procedures. In addition, any optional services not affected by the termination procedures will convert to their applicable tariff rates. Such customers will not be permitted to resubscribe to the Regional Essentials until all associated arrearages are satisfactorily paid in full.
7. Regional Essentials is a flat rated unlimited service option only. There is no measured service option available.
8. Qualifying Regional Essentials regional toll calls will not be detailed billed.
9. An additional discount ranging from \$3.00 to \$12.01 per month will apply when Regional Essentials is bundled with an unlimited long distance plan and certain products offered through Verizon North Incorporated. Qualifying unlimited long distance plans must be consistent with the Plan O Service - Unlimited plan in the Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. D/B/A Verizon Long Distance Posted Rates, Terms and Conditions. Discontinuance of any one of the required products will result in immediate termination of the bundle discount. To receive this additional discount, each product must be billed by or on behalf of Verizon North Incorporated. For customers who have or agree to purchase the products for a 24-month commitment<sup>1</sup>, the additional monthly discount will expire twenty-four (24) months from the date it is implemented on the customer's account. For other customers, the additional monthly discount will expire twelve (12) months from the date it is implemented on the customer's account.

<sup>1</sup> The 24-month commitment is limited to existing customers of record, at existing locations, on or before October 4, 2008, and only until the expiration of their 24-month commitment period.

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