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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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RE: Office of Small Business Advocate v Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
Docket Nos. C-2017-2633476 and R-2017-2632523

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On behalf of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, the Office of Small Business Advocate and the Office of Consumer Advocate, enclosed please find the Joint Stipulation Regarding Admission of Testimony and Waiver of Hearing in the above-referenced matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzan D. Paiva/sau".

Suzan D. Paiva

SDP/sau
Enclosures

Via E-Mail and First Class Mail

cc: Hon. Joel J. Cheskis
Hon. Andrew Calvelli
Attached Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Suzan D. Paiva, hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the Joint Stipulation Regarding Admission of Testimony and Waiver of Hearing, of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, the Office of Small Business Advocate and the Office of Consumer Advocate, upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (related to service by a participant) and 1.55 (related to service upon attorneys).

Dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 17th day of July, 2018.

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	:	R-2017-2632523
2018 Price Change Opportunity Filing	:	
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Verizon Pennsylvania LLC Amended Alternative Regulation and Network Modernization Plan	:	P-00930715F1000
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Office of Small Business Advocate v. Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	:	C-2017-2633476
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**JOINT STIPULATION REGARDING ADMISSION OF
TESTIMONY AND WAIVER OF HEARING**

Verizon Pennsylvania LLC (“Verizon”), the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), (together, the “Parties”), by and through their attorneys, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. On November 1, 2017, Verizon made its annual Price Change Opportunity (“PCO”) filing pursuant to its Alternative Regulation Plan, as approved by the Commission under Chapter 30 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 3011, et seq. (“2018 PCO Filing”). Verizon notified the Commission that the price cap mechanism in the company’s Chapter 30 plan allowed it to increase revenue from noncompetitive services by \$1,257,000 and proposed to implement the PCO by increasing the rates for certain retail residential and business services classified as noncompetitive under its plan and applying the remainder to reduce the banked 2003 PCO balance, as described in the 2018 PCO Filing.

2. On November 13, 2017, OSBA filed a complaint against Verizon’s 2018 PCO Filing, which Verizon answered on November 27, 2017.

3. On December 21, 2017, OCA filed a Notice of Intervention and Public Statement.
4. By Order entered December 21, 2017, the Commission permitted Verizon's proposed rate changes to go into effect as filed, subject to refund pending the findings of the Office of Administrative Law Judge and further orders of the Commission relating to the OSBA's complaint.
5. A prehearing conference was held on January 26, 2018, before presiding officers Joel H. Cheskis, Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, and Andrew M. Calvelli, Administrative Law Judge. The presiding officers issued a Scheduling Order on January 29, 2018, consolidating the dockets for Verizon's 2018 PCO Filing and the OSBA's complaint and setting a schedule proposed by the parties for the exchange of pre-filed written testimony and an evidentiary hearing. The hearing was scheduled for July 20, 2018.
6. The parties have provided to the presiding officers and exchanged with each other the pre-filed testimony provided for in the Scheduling Order.
7. On July 9, 2018, counsel for the Parties advised the presiding officers that the Parties had reached an agreement to waive cross-examination of all witnesses and admit the testimony into the record through stipulation. The presiding officers granted the Parties' request and canceled the evidentiary hearing.
8. The Parties hereby stipulate to the admission of the following pre-filed, written testimony into the record in this matter and waive cross-examination of the witnesses:
 - a. OSBA Statement No. 1, the Direct Testimony of Joseph Gillan dated March 23, 2018, including Exhibit JPG 1 thereto. This testimony is not Proprietary.

- b. Verizon Statement No. 1.0, the Rebuttal Testimony of Philip J. Wood, Jr., dated May 9, 2018, including Exhibits 1 and 2 thereto, in Proprietary and Public versions.
- c. OCA Statement No. 1, the Rebuttal Testimony of Dr. Robert Loube, dated May 9, 2018, including Exhibits RL-1, RL-2 and RL-3 thereto, in Proprietary and Public versions, with Dr. Loube's signed verification.
- d. OSBA Statement No. 1-SR, the Surrebuttal Testimony of Joseph Gillan dated June 7, 2018, with no exhibits. This testimony is not Proprietary.
- e. Verizon Statement No. 1.1, the Surrebuttal Testimony of Philip J. Wood, Jr., dated June 7, 2018, with no exhibits. This testimony is not Proprietary.

9. On or before July 20, 2018, each Party will separately file with the Secretary of the Commission the following documents: (i) a signed verification from its witness supporting the witness's above-listed testimony; and (ii) a copy of its above-listed testimony in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.412a. Where the testimony is Proprietary, a Proprietary version will be filed pursuant to the protections of 52 Pa. Code § 5.412a(d) and a Public version will also be filed.

10. The record will close on July 20, 2018, following the filing of the Parties' testimony and verifications.

11. The Parties stipulate to the following briefing schedule, which has been submitted to and approved by the presiding officers:

August 20, 2018 - Main Briefs of all Parties

September 20, 2018 - Reply Briefs of all Parties

The parties shall serve the briefs listed above so that they are received in-hand by the parties and presiding officers no later than 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed. Parties may serve the documents listed

above via e-mail to meet this requirement, with hard copy to follow by regular first class mail, subject to the file size limitation stated in the Scheduling Order.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the presiding officers admit into the record pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation the pre-filed testimony identified in Paragraph 8 above, cancel the July 20 evidentiary hearing, and establish the briefing schedule identified in Paragraph 11 above.

Date: July 17, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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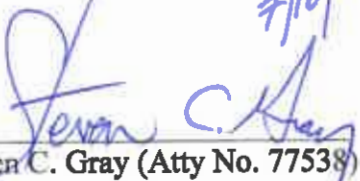


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