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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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PA Public Utility Commission  
Secretary's Bureau

**Re: Section 63.71 Application of Verizon Delaware LLC; Verizon Maryland LLC;  
Verizon New England Inc.; Verizon New Jersey Inc.; Verizon New York Inc.;  
Verizon North LLC; Verizon Pennsylvania LLC; Verizon South Inc.; Verizon  
Virginia LLC; and Verizon Washington, DC Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Verizon Delaware LLC, Verizon Maryland LLC, Verizon New England Inc., Verizon New Jersey Inc., Verizon New York Inc., Verizon North LLC, Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon South Inc., Verizon Virginia LLC, and Verizon Washington, DC Inc. submit the enclosed application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to discontinue Voice Grade/Voiceband Service, WATS Access Line Service, Digital Data Service, DIGIPATH Digital Service II, and Feature Group A.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 202-684-5350.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randy Clarke

Attachment

cc: Department of Defense Chief Information Officer  
Public Utility Commission for each affected state  
Governor of each affected state  
Tribal entities in each affected state

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

In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

Verizon-Delaware LLC  
Verizon Maryland LLC,  
Verizon New England Inc.,  
Verizon New Jersey Inc.,  
Verizon New York Inc.,  
Verizon North LLC,  
Verizon Pennsylvania LLC,  
Verizon South Inc.,  
Verizon Virginia LLC, and  
Verizon Washington, DC Inc.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the  
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, To  
Discontinue the Provision of Service

WC Docket No. 26-\_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF VERIZON**

The Verizon incumbent local exchange companies captioned above (collectively, "Verizon") apply for authority under 47 U.S.C. § 214(a) and 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue all remaining Voice Grade/Voiceband Service, WATS Access Line Service, Digital Data Service, DIGIPATH Digital Service II, and Feature Group A (the "affected services") provided throughout the Verizon ILECs' service territories in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia (the "discontinuance area").

**INTRODUCTION**

With this application, Verizon seeks to discontinue the affected services throughout the discontinuance area on or after June 1, 2026. Verizon has previously grandfathered the affected

services throughout the discontinuance area. Discontinuing these outdated services will benefit the public and serve as an important step toward meeting both Verizon's and the Commission's goals of providing the next-generation technologies that American consumers want.

Demand for these affected services is very low, and the few remaining customers in the discontinuance area have many cost-effective alternative options to choose from as replacements. Verizon currently has as few as two and no more than 18 customers per state using one or more of these services. In total, Verizon has only 86 customers that will be impacted by this discontinuance.

In the discontinuance area, existing and prospective customers of these affected services have access to cost-effective alternatives through Verizon's fiber-based services and other Verizon products that are superior to the affected services. In addition, there are many competitive services available in the discontinuance area, which many businesses have already selected in lieu of the affected services. These available alternatives include services offered over cable, fiber, fixed wireless, mobile wireless, and satellite technologies.

## APPLICATION

Verizon provides the following information as required by Section 63.71:

### I. Name and Address of Carrier

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Boston, MA 02114

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Verizon New York Inc.  
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Verizon New Jersey Inc.  
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Verizon Pennsylvania LLC  
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Ashburn, VA 20147

Verizon North LLC  
900 Race Street, 6th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Verizon Washington, DC Inc.  
1300 I Street NW  
Suite 500 East  
Washington, DC 20005

Verizon South Inc.  
22001 Loudoun County Parkway  
Ashburn, VA 20147

## **II. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

Effective on or after June 1, 2026, pending regulatory approval, Verizon will discontinue the affected services.

## **III. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected and Description of the Affected Service Area**

Verizon plans to discontinue the affected services throughout the Verizon ILECs' service territories in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

## **IV. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected**

### **A. Voice Grade/Voiceband Service**

Voice Grade/Voiceband Service uses dedicated lines to provide voice frequency transmission capability for connecting location-to-location or to the public network. Voice Grade/Voiceband Service terminations transmit in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated as analog two-wire or four-wire. Voice Grade/Voiceband channels are provided between customer-designated premises or between a customer-designated premise and a Verizon hub. Voice Grade/Voiceband Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff

No. 1, § 7.2.3; FCC Tariff No. 11, § 7.2.3; FCC Tariff No. 14, § 5.2.1; and FCC Tariff No. 16, § 7.5.

**B. WATS Access Line Service**

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, a dedicated channel between the customer's end-user premises and a WATS Serving Office equipped with a Switched Access Service arrangement. WATS Access Line Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, § 7.2.3.1, and FCC Tariff No. 11, § 7.2.10.

**C. Digital Data Service**

Digital Data Service provides duplex transmission of synchronous serial data at 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56, and 64 Kbps. 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, § 7.2.8; FCC Tariff No. 11, § 7.2.8; FCC Tariff No. 14, § 5.2.9; and FCC Tariff No. 16, § 7.10.

**D. DIGIPATH Digital Service II**

DIGIPATH Digital Service II is a channel for the simultaneous, synchronous transmission of digital data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, or 56.0 kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface the customer selects. DIGIPATH Digital Service II is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, § 7.2.11.

**E. Feature Group A**

Feature Group A service is a line-side connection that is used primarily for exchange access crossing state and/or LATA boundaries. Customers use Feature Group A service to establish a local seven-digit telephone number for call completion to and from a separate LATA.

Feature Group A service is provisioned from the Verizon switched wire center. Feature Group A service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, § 6.2.1; FCC Tariff No. 11, § 6.1.1; FCC Tariff No. 14, § 4.2.1; and FCC Tariff No. 16, § 6.2.1.

**V. Brief Description of the Dates and Method of Notice to All Affected Customers**

Customer notices were sent by U.S. Mail on October 14, 2025 to Verizon customers of the affected services located in the discontinuance area. A representative example of the customer notice is attached at Exhibit A.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first-class U.S. Mail to the governor, public utility commission, federally recognized tribes (if any) in the discontinuance area, and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

**VI. Regulatory Classification of Carrier**

Verizon offers these affected services pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

**VII. Public Convenience and Necessity**

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of these services. Current customers in the discontinuance area have many options to choose from in lieu of these services that will be discontinued. Customers today can obtain alternative services and products from Verizon or other providers that may suit customers' needs depending on the customers' particular applications. Possible wholesale alternatives offered by Verizon include Fiber to the Internet Service, Transparent LAN Service ("TLS"), and Private Internet Protocol

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<sup>1</sup> Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists, and Commission staff has previously advised that a copy of the application should instead be sent to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

Service. Possible retail alternatives offered by Verizon include fiber-based voice services, Fios Internet Service, Switched Ethernet Service or Private Internet Protocol Service, 5G or LTE wireless services through Verizon or Verizon Partner Program, and VoIP services including Business Digital Voice. Verizon will work with affected customers to find suitable alternative solutions.

Because there are numerous cost-effective, superior alternatives for prospective customers in the discontinuance area to choose from, and because most customers have already left for such alternatives, discontinuing the affected services in this area will not impair the public convenience or necessity.

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Questions about this application can be addressed to Randy Clarke, c/o Verizon, 1300 I Street, N.W., Suite 500E, Washington, D.C. 20005, or [randolph.clarke@verizon.com](mailto:randolph.clarke@verizon.com).

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons identified above, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of these affected services in the areas at issue in this application. Verizon respectfully requests the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue service.

William H. Johnson  
*Of Counsel*

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Randy Clarke  
Randy Clarke  
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April 15, 2026

# **Exhibit A**



October 14, 2025



**FCC Services to be Withdrawn: Switched/Special Access and Intra-LATA DS0 Services**

Dear Valued Customer,

Account Number: [REDACTED]

Circuit ID: [REDACTED]

Verizon is engaged in a multi-year program to update to next generation operating equipment. In order to complete this network modernization we must take steps to limit the number of circuits that are provisioned over existing legacy equipment that is nearing the end of its life and has been discontinued by the manufacturer. To that end, we plan to discontinue the following Interstate Special Access and Switched Access data and switching services:

**Voice Grade / Voiceband Service** which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz. Voice Grade / Voiceband Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.3; FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.3; FCC Tariff No. 14 Sec. 5.2.1; and in FCC Tariff No. 16, Sec. 7.5.

**WATS Access Line Service** which provides voice frequency transmission capability for toll-free calling in a limited geographic area. WATS Access Line Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.3.1; and FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.10.

**Digital Data Service** which provides duplex transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, and 56 kbps. In addition, Digital Data Service is offered at speeds of 19.2 and 64 kbps in the wire centers subject to Verizon's FCC Tariff Nos. 1, 14 and 16. Digital Data Service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 7.2.8; FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 7.2.8; FCC Tariff No. 14, Sec 5.2.9; and FCC Tariff No. 16, Sec 7.10.

**DIGIPATH Digital Service II** which provides 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. DIGIPATH Digital Service II is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec 7.2.11.

**Feature Group A** (also known as PagePath) which provides a line-side connection that is used primarily for exchange access crossing state and/or LATA boundaries. Feature Group A (FGA) service is further described in Verizon's FCC Tariff No. 1, Sec. 6.2.1; FCC Tariff No. 11, Sec. 6.2.1; FCC Tariff No. 14, Sec. 4.2.1(A); and FCC Tariff No. 16, Sec 6.2.1.

According to our records, you currently subscribe to at least one of the services referenced above.

On or after February 13, 2026, subject to FCC approval, Verizon will stop accepting orders for these services. Circuit moves or changes, including modifications to these existing DS0 services will no longer be supported. Verizon will begin a phased discontinuance of these services on or after May 13, 2026. The timeframe to discontinue (i.e. disconnect) is subject to regulatory approval where required. Verizon will provide you with subsequent notice at least 90 days in advance of the actual date that your services will be disconnected.

Modifications in service offerings for customers with existing contracts are subject to the terms of their

contract, including any tariff or product-guide provisions incorporated into the contract.

As you review your service needs going forward, we encourage you to migrate to alternative service options from Verizon or other providers that may better fit your requirements. Migrating to an alternative service will also avoid the risk of business disruption due to network service unavailability if legacy equipment should stop functioning. Verizon offers several alternatives to these data and switching services that may provide you with additional features or benefits, including:

- Ethernet Service
- Private Internet Protocol Service
- Wireless
- VoIP Services

We value your business and look forward to helping you realize the benefits that our advanced offerings can unlock for you. Please contact your Verizon Account Manager or call Customer Service at the toll-free number shown on your invoice if you would like to discuss alternative solutions.

For questions regarding this service withdrawal correspondence, please contact Kevin Organ at 631.206.7106 or email the program office at [VZProductWithdrawal@verizon.com](mailto:VZProductWithdrawal@verizon.com).

Sincerely,

Verizon

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Abigail DeHart, certify that I have, on April 15, 2026, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses below:

/s/ Abigail DeHart

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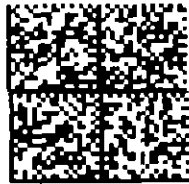
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