

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
VERIZON DELAWARE LLC TO INCREASE THE LATE) PSC DOCKET NO. 08-014T
PAYMENT AND DISHONORED PAYMENT CHARGES)
(FILED MAY 19, 2008))

ORDER NO. 7449

A. INTRODUCTION

1. On May 19, 2008, Verizon Delaware LLC ("Verizon") filed an application proposing to revise its tariff in order to institute increases to its Late Payment Charge and Dishonored Check Charge. Under the May 19, 2008 application, the Dishonored Payment Charge would have increased the rate from \$15.00 per incident to \$30.00 per incident. Verizon submitted a revised application on August 27, 2008 (the "Revised Application") with amendments responding to issues raised during discussions with the Commission Staff and the Division of the Public Advocate. The revised application eliminated the requested increase in the Late Payment Charge and reduced the proposed new Dishonored Payment Charge from \$30.00 per incident to \$20.00 per incident.

B. FINDINGS AND OPINION

2. After consideration at its meeting on September 16, 2008, and a review of the Staff's Memorandum on the issues raised in this docket, the Commission has concluded that there is no basis for finding that the \$5.00 increase in the Dishonored Payment Charge from \$15.00 per incident to \$20.00 per incident discriminates against any telecommunications carrier not a party hereto, or that implementation of the proposed increase would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and

necessity. The new Dishonored Payment Charge would be less than or equal to the Dishonored Payment Charge imposed by Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, L.L.C. (\$20.00 per incident) and Comcast Corporation (\$25.00 per incident). No person has requested that the increase be rejected or presented any reason for rejection. The Commission Staff and the Division of the Public Advocate do not oppose Verizon's revised application of August 27, 2008. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the tendered Agreement should be approved, subject to the conditions set forth below.

C. ORDER

Now, therefore, this 16th day of September, 2008, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, the Dishonored Payment Charge as described in the proposed tariff pages and as revised on August 27, 2008, by Verizon Delaware LLC, to be effective on September 20, 2008, is approved. The Dishonored Payment Charge shall be increased from \$15.00 per incident to \$20.00 per incident. Copies of the revised tariff pages are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

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/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary