BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF FILING
BY VERIZON DELAWARE LLC TO CHANGE CERTAIN ACCESS RATES TO COMPLY WITH FCC’S CONNECT AMERICA FUND PSC DOCKET NO. 12-007T ORDER, A BASIC SERVICE (FILED OCTOBER 4, 2012)

ORDER NO. 8245

AND NOW, this 29th day of November, 2012;

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2012, Verizon Delaware LLC (“Verizon”) filed with the Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) proposed revisions to its intrastate switched access tariff to comply with a rule revision adopted by the Federal Communication Commission (the “FCC”) in its June 5, 2012 Order (the “Order”) in the FCC’s Connect America Fund docket.¹ The FCC clarified that carriers required to make intrastate switched access rate reductions in 2012 must increase the rate for any intrastate rate element that is below the comparable interstate rate for that element to the intrastate rate no later than July 1, 2013. See 47 C.F.R. §51.907(b)(3) and the Order, ¶8; and

WHEREAS, this filing will align Verizon’s intrastate switched access rate structure with its interstate rate structure, as per the Order, and increase intrastate rate element

levels where they are lower than the corresponding interstate
rate levels; and

WHEREAS, the filing will also reduce Verizon’s per minute
Transitional Intrastate Access Service charge on end office
switching minutes;\(^2\) and

WHEREAS, Verizon states in its filing that the various rate
level adjustments will result in revenue neutrality for the
prescribed Fiscal Year 2011 intrastate switched access demand
period; and

WHEREAS, Verizon requested an effective date of December 1,
2012, for the proposed tariff revisions in order to allow it to
comply with the Order, and such effective date would be only 57
days after Verizon filed its proposed tariff revisions; and

WHEREAS, 26 Del. C. §304(a) provides that unless the
Commission otherwise orders, no public utility shall make any
change in any existing rate except after 60 days’ notice to the
Commission; however, the Commission, for good cause shown, may
allow changes in rates without requiring the 60-days’ notice. 26
Del. C. §304(a); see also 26 Del. Admin. C. §§4003-3.5.1.7 and
3.5.1.8.; and

WHEREAS, Verizon requests a waiver of the statutory
requirement of 60-days’ notice for its proposed tariff revisions
and in support of such request states that the tariff revisions
are revenue-neutral, will allow Verizon to comply with the FCC’s

\(^2\) The FCC’s original order in Connect America Fund, et al., Report and
Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17633 (Nov.
18, 2011), reduced switched access rates effective July 1, 2012.
Order, and will allow Verizon to maintain uniformity among the states and greater ease in billing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff, in its memorandum dated November 21, 2012, recommended that the Commission approve Verizon’s request for a waiver of the 60-days’ notice and approve the proposed tariff changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the Commission hereby grants Verizon Delaware LLC’s request for a waiver of the 60-days’ notice required by 26 Del. C. §304(a) and 26 Del. Admin. C. §§4003-3.5.1.7 for its proposed tariff revisions filed on October 4, 2012, based on “good cause” provided by Verizon Delaware LLC as noted above.

2. That the Commission hereby approves the proposed tariff revisions filed by Verizon Delaware LLC on October 15, 2012. Such proposed tariff revisions, which are attached to this Order as Exhibit “A”, will be effective on December 1, 2012.

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner
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/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary
EXHIBIT “A”

PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES FILED BY VERIZON DELAWARE LLC