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MEMORANDUM VIA E-MAIL ONLY

TO: D.T.E. 03-50 Service List

FROM: Julie Howley Westwater, Hearing Officer

DATE: November 10, 2005

RE: Performance Assurance Plan, D.T.E. 03-50
Request for Comments re: Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon
Massachusetts' proposal to amend the Performance Assurance Plan's annual
audit requirement

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Andrew O. Kaplan, General Counsel
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I. INTRODUCTION

On November 8, 2005, Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a request for the Department to amend the Performance Assurance Plan's ("PAP") annual audit requirement to a tri-annual audit requirement that would be conducted at the discretion of the Department. A copy of Verizon's filing is available for public inspection at <http://www.mass.gov/dte/catalog/7057.htm>.

II. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Department invites interested persons to file written comments on Verizon's request to amend the PAP audit requirement no later than the close of business, **Thursday, December 8, 2005**. One original and (3) three copies of comments must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110

All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and julie.westwater@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.T.E. 03-50]; (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing also should include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.