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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: DTE 06-61 – Verizon Tariff M.D.T.E. No. 14

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is Verizon Massachusetts' certified notice of publication in the Boston Globe on July 22, 2006.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex W. Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander W. Moore

Enclosure

cc: Michael Isenberg, Director
Tina Chin, Hearing Officer
Senior Rate Analyst

The Boston Globe

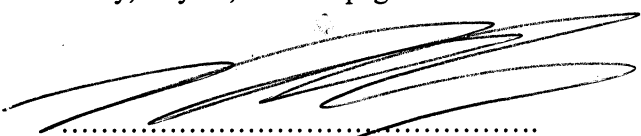
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Personally appeared before me Michael Kingsley and made oath that the above statement subscribed by him is true.

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Notary Public

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 06- 61

July 17, 2006

Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariff: M.D.T.E. No. 14, filed with the Department on June 16, 2006, to become effective July 16, 2006, by Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts.

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

On June 16, 2000, Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") filed revisions to its tariff M.D.T.E. No. 14 with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"). The proposed tariff revisions reduce the discounts applicable to resold services when provided with and without Verizon's Operator Services and Directory Assistance. Specifically, the proposed tariff revisions reduce the discount rates to 11.94 percent and 14.71 percent. The current discount rates are 24.99 percent and 29.47 percent. See Bell Atlantic Resale Tariff, D.T.E. 98-15 - Phases II and III (1999). In support of its proposed tariff revisions, Verizon filed with the Department the direct testimony of Joseph S. Williams, an avoided cost study, and a description of the methodology used in the cost study. Verizon's proposed tariff revisions and supporting documentation may be viewed at the Department's offices located at One South Station, Second Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

On July 7, 2006, the Department suspended the operation of the proposed tariff revisions pending further investigation. The Department's investigation into the proposed tariff revisions is docketed as D.T.E. 06-61. The Department will hold a public hearing in this proceeding on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter.

Verizon is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing date in The Boston Globe.

The Department invites all interested persons who are substantially and specifically affected by the issues under investigation to petition to intervene in this proceeding. Any person who desires to intervene in this proceeding shall submit an original and three (3) copies of a petition for leave to intervene in this proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business on Monday, August 7, 2006.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings, nonproprietary comments, and petitions to intervene must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.e.filing@state.ma.us and Tina.Chin@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 06-61; (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either WordPerfect, 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.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact: Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, tel. (617) 305-3500.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary