

**Verizon New England Inc.
d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

D.T.E. 01-20 (Part A-A)

REQUEST: Compliance Filing

DATED: June 24, 2003

ITEM: CF Request-2 In its cover letter to its June 12, 2003 Compliance Filing, Verizon states that:

[I]ncluded in this filing are tariff provisions and rates for an alternative hot cut process (WPTS) that Verizon MA filed on February 13, 2003. Although the Department has indicated that it will open a new docket to review this alternative, several CLECs are already using the WPTS option. Accordingly, the Department should allow the tariff to become effective on a prospective basis, subject to the Department's future investigation. Proceeding in this manner is appropriate since the option is beneficial to carriers who elect to use it and no carrier is prejudiced.

Given that the Department has not approved the WPTS hot cut process or its rates, please indicate under what regulatory authority Verizon is providing the new process to CLECs.

REPLY: Verizon MA believes no specific regulatory authority is required for Verizon MA to offer an alternative hot cut process. In any event, the WPTS offering is optional and CLECs are free instead to continue to order hot cuts utilizing the current process.

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