

Verizon – Massachusetts
Tariff Filing Support Package for
Message Telecommunication Service: Corrections-Collect Calls
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Description of and Rationale for Filing:

In this filing, Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon MA”) proposes to simplify the current rate structure for Message Telecommunication Service (“MTS”) for Corrections-Collect calls, *i.e.*, station-to-station, collect calls dialed by a customer located at a Massachusetts correctional facility. Currently, MTS (or intraLATA toll) charges for Corrections-Collect calls are based on multiple components: time of day, airline miles from the calling parties exchange to the called parties exchange, initial minute rate and overtime per minute rates. Verizon MA’s proposed tariff eliminates those components and introduces a per call surcharge and per minute of use rate.

After Department approval of this filing customers will be notified via bill inserts.

Application of Rates and Charges:

The proposed MTS rate structure for Corrections-Collect calls includes a standard Corrections Collect surcharge with a single per minute usage rate regardless of time of day, airline miles, and overtime periods.

The proposed rate structure is:

Surcharge: \$1.75
Per Minute: \$0.10

The systems programming work necessary to implement the billing changes will not be completed until November 2004, and, therefore, the new rate structure will not be implemented until December 1, 2004.

Rate and Price Floor Development:

The services and features included in this filing are available for resale at avoided-cost discount levels previously approved by the Department. The rates and charges for services and features provided in this filing also meet the Department’s prescribed price floor requirements. The price floor analysis is attached.