

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

TELEPHONE TARIFF 04-8, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VERIZON WASHINGTON, D.C., INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF, P.S.C. - D.C. -No. 202 AND GENERAL
SERVICES TARIFF P.S.C. - D.C. -No. 203

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") hereby gives notice of its final rulemaking action, taken in Order No. 13535 (March 22, 2005), to approve the tariff application of Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc. ("Verizon DC")¹ to amend the following tariff page:

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2. Through this tariff filing, Verizon DC sought to increase the monthly recurring rates for Business and Residential Directory Assistance service by 9.5 percent, (from \$0.42 to \$0.46) and the monthly recurring rate for Business Message service by 9.8 percent (from \$13.30 to \$14.60).² Verizon DC stated that the Application complied with Price Cap Plan 2004.³

3. The Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, published in the *D.C. Register* on January 7, 2005, inviting the public to submit comments on the proposed tariff amendment.⁴ One comment was filed opposing the Application on the grounds that a

¹ *Telephone Tariff 04-8, In the Matter of the Application of Verizon Washington, DC, Inc. for Authority to Amend the Local Exchange Services Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C.-No. 202 and General Services Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C.-No. 203*, Letter from J. Henry Ambrose, Verizon DC Vice President for Regulatory Matters to Christine D. Brooks, Commission Secretary (December 17, 2004) ("Application").

² See Application at 1.

³ See *id.* See also *Formal Case No. 1005, In the Matter of Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc.'s Price Cap Plan 2004 for the Provision of Local Telecommunications Services in the District of Columbia*, Order No. 13370 (September 9, 2004). ("Price Cap Plan 2004").

⁴ 52 *D.C. Reg.* 79-80 (2005).

rate increase for directory assistance was unwarranted considering the declining quality of services provided by Verizon DC.⁵ However, the Commission, in Order No. 13535, approved Verizon DC's Application, finding that that the proposed tariff revision was consistent with the requirements of Sections 3(a)(1) and (2) of Price Cap Plan 2004. This tariff revision becomes effective upon the publication date of this Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*.

⁵ See *Telephone Tariff 04-8*, Comments from Harrine Freeman (February 23, 2005).