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Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached are new tariff pages filed to become part of the Verizon Florida Inc. General Services Tariff.

Section A5 Charges Applicable Under Special Conditions

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The purpose of this filing is add a new subsection - Conversion of Overhead Facilities to Underground Facilities and some minor administrative clean-up to Section A5.

If you require additional information, please call Carlton Ball at (813) 483-2529.

Sincerely,

/s David M. Christian

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**A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS****A5.1 Construction Charges****.1 General**

- a. Construction charges are nonrecurring charges made under certain conditions as hereinafter set forth and are in addition to applicable charges for the class of service furnished, mileage charges, service charges, charges for moves and changes, installation charges for specific items of equipment and other charges that may be applicable under this tariff.
- b. Construction charges are payable upon application for service or when billing is rendered as the Company, at its option, may require. (T)
- c. Construction furnished by or performed by the applicant, where authorized in this tariff, is subject to the approval of the Company.
- d. The word "cost," when used in this section, is to be interpreted to mean cost of labor and materials, in addition to charges for supervision and other overhead expenses associated with the construction.
- e. Except as otherwise provided herein, the regulations in this tariff contemplate that the type of construction required to provide the quantity and class of service involved will be determined by the Company. The subscriber may be required to pay the added costs involved where a different type of construction than that proposed by the Company is desired.
- f. When attachments are made to poles of other companies, in lieu of providing new pole line construction for which the subscriber would regularly be charged construction charges under the provisions of this section, the attachment rental charges to the Company for such attachments may be assessed the subscriber in whole or in part as the particular circumstances may warrant.
- g. The Company will bear the cost of construction equal to five times the annual exchange revenue and may require the applicant or group of applicants to pay a construction charge for the portion of the construction cost in excess of this amount.
- h. No construction charges paid to the Company are refundable by it. When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use private rights-of-way to furnish service, and the Company is unable to obtain the required rights-of-way without cost, the applicant may be required to pay the costs incurred in securing, clearing, and retaining such rights-of-way.
- i. Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the Company retains control of all specially constructed facilities even though the customer may be required to pay special construction charges.

**.2 Construction on Public Highways**

- a. No charge is made for the provision of new construction on public highways.
- b. When an applicant desires service where new construction is required and the cost of providing the necessary construction is more than five times the annual exchange revenue derived from the new service, service may be rendered if the subscriber bears the cost in excess of the amount specified above of providing the construction.
- c. Ownership of telephone facilities provided is vested in the Company. Maintenance of such facilities is at the expense of the Company.

**.3 Construction on Private Property**

- a. No construction charge is made for the provision of new plant on private property when such plant is to be used in serving subscribers in general. Ownership and maintenance of such plant on private property is vested in the Company.

## A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A5.1 Construction Charges (Continued)

## .3 Construction on Private Property (Continued)

- b. Except as provided in a. preceding, when construction is necessary on private property and the revenue is not expected to be sufficient to insure, within a reasonable time, an adequate return on the necessary investment, the subscriber(s) to be served, may be required to bear all or a part of the cost.
- c. Where, for the purpose of furnishing extension lines, it is necessary to lay underground conduit or to set poles on the subscriber's premises, the subscriber is required to provide and install such underground conduit and to provide and erect poles, or the Company will do the work at the subscriber's expense. Where the work is performed by the subscriber, it must be in accordance with the standard specifications of the Company.

## .4 Special Types of Construction

- a. When a special type of construction is desired by a subscriber or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the construction unusually expensive, the subscriber is required to bear the excess cost of such construction. Any special maintenance expense that may from time to time occur will be borne by the subscriber except that maintenance of buried service wire, including trench where required, will be at the expense of the Company.

## .5 Underground Service Entrances

- a. Where the following conditions exist, buried service entrance facilities will be furnished without construction charge:
  - (1) The location of the service is in an area where buried distribution facilities are used by the Company, and
  - (2) Buried service wire or buried cable would normally be provided by the Company for service entrance.
- b. Where the conditions in a. above do not exist, buried service entrance will be provided at the applicant's request; and he shall be required to pay the additional cost incurred by the Company as set forth in paragraph A5.1.4, or buried service entrance will be furnished without construction charge where the applicant provides conduit or opens and backfills a trench to specifications of the Company.

## .6 Rearrangements of Existing Plant

- a. When the Company is requested to move, remove, or change existing plant for which no specific charge is quoted in this tariff, the person, association, municipality, charter county, county, or other division of state or local government at whose request such move, removal or change is made may be required to bear the costs incurred. (N)

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## .7 Construction Required for Temporary Service

- a. When construction is required for temporary service, and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction.

## A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A5.1 Construction Charges (Continued)

## .8 Cancellation of Application Requiring Construction of Facilities

- a. Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation and to the extent there is another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.
- b. Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and there is no other requirement for the specially constructed facilities, a charge equal to the costs incurred in the special construction less net salvage, applies, except that, where one or more, but not all, of the services involved in the special construction are cancelled, a charge equal to the charge for discontinuance of such services applies instead. Such charge is determined as set forth in Section A5. In determining the charge, each cancelled service is treated as discontinued as of the date on which it was to have been placed in service.
- c. Installation or special construction of facilities for a subscriber is considered to have started when the Company incurs any expense in connection therewith or in preparation therefore, which would not otherwise have been incurred, provided:
  - (1) The subscriber has advised the Company to proceed with the installation or special construction, and
  - (2) The Company has advised the subscriber that, in accordance with his order, it is commencing the installation or special construction.

## A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## A5.5 CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

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## .1 Definitions

Applicant - Any person or entity, including an association, municipality, charter county, county or other local government that requests the conversion of overhead Company facilities to underground.

Conversion - Installation of underground facilities where underground facilities will be substituted for existing overhead facilities.

Cost Estimate - A cost estimate for conversion work prepared by the Company following receipt of the applicable cost estimate preparation charge.

Cost Estimate Preparation Charge - The charge an applicant pays to the Company to secure a cost estimate for conversion.

Overhead Facilities - Company aerial cable and Company poles.

Underground Facilities - Direct buried facilities or facilities in underground conduit.

## .2 General Regulations

Construction charges as set forth in A5.1 of this tariff shall not apply to request for conversion of overhead facilities or to any work for or related to conversion. The provisions set forth in A5.5 shall apply to requests for conversion of overhead facilities to underground facilities.

- a. An applicant shall request conversion in writing and specify in detail the overhead facilities that are the subject of the requested conversion. Upon receipt of a written request, the Company will determine the feasibility of converting the overhead facilities. If the written request requires revision to determine the feasibility of conversion, the Company will so notify the applicant. If the Company determines that the requested conversion is feasible, the Company will so notify the applicant. If the applicant wishes to secure a cost estimate for the requested conversion, the applicant will request the cost estimate in writing, and the Company will thereafter notify the applicant of the cost estimate preparation charge that the applicant must pay to the Company in advance to secure a cost estimate. If the conversion is not feasible, the Company will notify the applicant and will have no obligation to proceed with the applicant's request or with the requested conversion. The Company shall have the sole discretion to determine whether the conversion is feasible.
- b. If an applicant requests a cost estimate for conversion, a charge for the preparation of a cost estimate will apply. The applicant will pay the cost estimate preparation charge before development of the cost estimate commences. The charge includes the costs associated with the development of the cost estimate. The cost estimate preparation charge is non-refundable and is applicable whether or not the conversion work occurs. If an applicant cancels a request for a cost estimate prior to its completion, the Company will return to the applicant any portion of the previously paid cost estimate preparation charge that is in excess of costs incurred by the Company to prepare the cost estimate.
- c. If an applicant wishes to proceed with conversion, the applicant may only do so following receipt of a cost estimate and, in such case, shall notify the Company in writing of its desire to proceed with conversion. Thereafter, the applicant must execute a written agreement prepared by the Company governing such conversion work within 180 calendar days of the date of the cost estimate or, if not executed within the 180 day period, must request a new cost estimate. A cost estimate preparation charge shall again apply for a new cost estimate. The payment for the conversion work in the agreement shall be based upon the cost estimate.
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