

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 8, 2004**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**  X  **EFFECTIVE DATE**  June 19, 2004

**DATE:** May 17, 2004

**TO:** Lee Sparling through Phil Nyegaard and Irv Emmons

**FROM:** David Sloan

**SUBJECT:** VERIZON NORTHWEST INC: (Advice No. 834) Introduces Verizon Regional Package and Verizon Regional Package Extra.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the filing be allowed to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

On April 30, 2004, Verizon Northwest Inc (the Company) filed Advice No. 834 amending its retail services tariff PUC OR. 18. The filing establishes two new packaged services for residential customers. The two new packages are called Verizon Regional Package and Verizon Regional Package Extra. The proposed packages are not new services, but merely bundle services/features the Company currently offers in its tariff. The price proposed in the filing for each package exceeds the Company's cost of providing the package.

**Verizon Regional Package Extra**, proposed at \$49.95 per month, includes:

- Flat-rated network access line,
- Extended Area Service (EAS),
- Unlimited IntraLATA Toll,
- Associated nonrecurring charges,
- Call Intercept, and
- Choice of any of the following Calling Services (features):

Anonymous Call Block  
Busy Redial  
\*69  
Call Block

Distinctive Ring  
Special Call Acceptance  
Select Call Forwarding  
Speed Dialing 8

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Caller ID  
Call Waiting/Cancel  
Call Forwarding

Speed Dialing 30  
Three Way Calling  
Priority Call

**Verizon Regional Package**, proposed at \$44.95 per month, is the same as Verizon Regional Package Extra, except Verizon Regional Package does not include Call Intercept and the customer can select only three features from the list. Both packages also include Home Voice Mail, which is an unregulated service.

I have reviewed the confidential five-year financial projection for the new packages, which was filed by the Company. The Company projects considerable customer migration to the new packages from its currently tariffed feature packages called Verizon Local Package (\$29.95 per month) and Verizon Local Package Extra (\$32.95 per month). The company projects that customers will migrate to obtain Unlimited IntraLATA Toll and Home Voice Mail, which are service additions included in the new packages.

The filing is in compliance with ORS 759.190, which requires the Company to give a 30-day notice to the Public Utility Commission for any change made to its tariff schedules. For this filing that date was May 30, 2004. The filing is not contrary to the public interest.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The tariff sheets filed with Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Advice No. 834 be allowed to go into effect for service rendered on or after June 19, 2004.