

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF FINAL TARIFF**TT00-5, IN THE MATTER OF VERIZON WASHINGTON DC, INC.'S PUBLIC OCCUPANCY SURCHARGE GENERAL REGULATIONS TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 201,**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 34-802 of the District of Columbia Code and in accordance with Section 2-505 of the District of Columbia Code,¹ of its final action approving Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s (Verizon) Rights-of-Way (ROW) Use Fee Compliance Filing for 2025 (ROW Compliance Filing).

2. On August 27, 2025, Verizon filed its ROW Compliance Filing for 2025,² in accordance with D.C. Code Section 10-1141.06.³ On September 4, 2025, Verizon filed an addendum with a draft Notice of Proposed Tariff (NOPT) and draft Notice of Final Tariff.⁴ The ROW Compliance Filing proposes an increase in Verizon's District of Columbia (District) ROW Surcharge fees recovered from District customers and paid to the District Government beginning January 1, 2026. Verizon's ROW Compliance Filing contains the most recent calculations and updated rates for the Company's ROW Surcharge fees, in accordance with the following tariff page:⁵

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3. In the ROW Compliance Filing, Verizon compares the current ROW Surcharge fees and the proposed ROW Surcharge fees.⁶ As such, Verizon represents that implementation of the surcharge in 2026 will result in an increase in the monthly rates of end-user customers. Specifically, the ROW Compliance Filing indicates that the ROW Surcharge fee will increase by \$2.21, from \$17.42 to the updated rate of \$19.63 for Non-Centrex lines, and increase by \$0.27,

¹ D.C. Official Code §§ 2-505 and 34-802.

² *TT00-5, In the Matter of Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s Public Occupancy Surcharge General Regulations Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 201 (TT00-5)*, Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s ROW Compliance Filing, filed August 27, 2025 (ROW Compliance Filing).

³ D.C. Official Code § 10-1141.06, states that "[e]ach public utility company regulated by the Public Service Commission shall recover from its utility customers all lease payments which it pays to the District of Columbia pursuant to this title through a surcharge mechanism applied to each unit of sale and the surcharge amount shall be separately stated on each customer's monthly billing statement."

⁴ *TT00-5*, Verizon Washington, DC Inc. Addendum, filed September 4, 2025.

⁵ *TT00-5*, ROW Compliance Filing at 2.

⁶ *TT00-5*, ROW Compliance Filing at 2.

from \$2.18 to the updated rate of \$2.45 for Centrex lines.⁷ Verizon explains that the projected cost recovery is based on the line loss experienced in June 2024 versus June 2025 actuals.⁸ Verizon states that it will provide notice of the proposed surcharge increase to customers and requests that the Commission approve the filing so that the updated rates may be implemented by January 1, 2026.⁹

4. On September 19, 2025, the Commission published a NOPT in the *D.C. Register*, inviting public comments for a thirty (30) day period on Verizon's ROW Compliance Filing.¹⁰ No comments were filed in response to the NOPT. In the NOPT, the Commission stated that Verizon has a statutory right to implement its filed surcharges, but if the Commission were to discover any inaccuracies in the calculation of the proposed surcharge, Verizon could be subject to reconciliation of the surcharges. Based on the Commission's review of the tariff filing, the Commission finds that Verizon's ROW Compliance Filing complies with D.C. Code Section 10-1141.06.

5. Verizon's ROW Compliance Filing will become effective upon publication of this Notice of Final Tariff in the *D.C. Register*.

A TRUE COPY:

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick

CHIEF CLERK:

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COMMISSION SECRETARY**

⁷ TT00-5, ROW Compliance Filing at 2.

⁸ TT00-5, ROW Compliance Filing at 2.

⁹ TT00-5, ROW Compliance Filing at 2.

¹⁰ 72 D.C. Reg. 010307-010308 (September 19, 2025).