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Ms. Beth W. Salak, Director
Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached is a new tariff page filed to become part of the Verizon Florida Inc. General Services Tariff.

Section A4 Service Charges
7th Revised Page 7

This filing is an update to the Link-Up section of the General Services tariff.

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

Sincerely,
David M. Christian
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Attachments

A4. SERVICE CHARGES

A4.8 Link-Up

.1 General

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- b. The payment plan as specified in Section A4.4.b. of this Tariff is available for Link-Up customers. (D)
(T)

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.3 Rates and Charges

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Nonrecurring Charge

(1) Each	\$ --
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.4 Special Conditions – Native American Lifeline

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This additional credit will be available to Lifeline customers who live in the following exchange:

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