

modifying pole attachment rules, changing the process for retiring copper facilities, and streamlining the regulatory process to discontinue legacy services. Additionally, the FCC modified its rules to prevent the enforcement of state and local laws that inhibit broadband deployment, as well as clarified a legal interpretation relied on by carriers to alter or discontinue a service.

DS0 services are the lowest level signal in the time division hierarchy and represent voice grade channels operating at 64 kbps or less. Verizon is seeking to discontinue these services in order to provide next generation networks consistent with the FCC Order. Verizon intends to streamline the transition to alternative solutions, such as fiber-based voice services, FiOS TV services, Internet Services, Switched Ethernet Service or Private Internet Protocol Service, Digital Signal Level 1 (“DS1”) Service or VoIP Services including Business Digital Voice (“BDV”) or Virtual Communication Express (“VCE”).

On September 9, 2019, pursuant to 47 CFR § 51.325 through 51.335, Verizon posted a public notice on its website of copper retirement listing the names and addresses of the Affected Wire Centers noted in the Filing. Thereafter, on February 17, 2021, pursuant to 47 CFR § 51.333, Verizon sent letters to customers in the Affected Wire Centers informing them of the upgrades to Verizon’s network to next generation all-fiber facilities. The February 17, 2021 notification letter also advised customers that Verizon would provide subsequent notice at least 90 days in advance of the actual date that their services would be disconnected. Verizon further notified the affected customers that any modifications in service offerings for customers with existing contracts would be subject to the terms of their contract, including any tariff or product-guide provisions incorporated into the contract.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed the Filing and supporting documents submitted by Verizon and **FINDS** that the proposed tariff changes are consistent with applicable law and in the public interest. The Board further **FINDS** that Verizon has complied with the notice requirements to customers established by the FCC. Therefore, the Board **HEREBY AUTHORIZES** Verizon to effectuate the tariff changes to discontinue Legacy Services in the Affected Wire Centers in order to upgrade these systems to next-generation platforms.

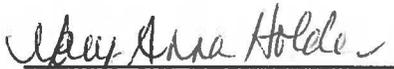
This Order shall be effective August 24, 2022.

DATED: August 17, 2022

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PRESIDENT



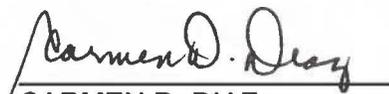
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
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IN THE MATTER VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC - 1ST REVISED PAGE 2.3, NJ BPU NO. 6,
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