

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 13-C-0099 - Tariff filing by Verizon New York Inc. to increase the rate for Non-Published Service for residential and business customers.

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS

(Issued March 18, 2013)

On March 1, 2013, Verizon New York Inc. (Verizon) filed proposed revisions to its PSC NY No. 1 - Communications tariff<sup>1</sup> that would, if approved, increase the monthly rate for Non-Published Service listings effective May 18, 2013, for both residential and business customers, by \$0.50 (from \$2.50 to \$3.00) per non-published line. Non-published service excludes residential and business telephone numbers from printed directories and directory assistance records.<sup>2</sup> Verizon states that the current rate has been in effect since February 2005 and the service is an optional feature. Verizon also asserts that the proposed rate is below the rate currently charged by other carriers.

In its Competition III Order, the Commission allowed unlimited pricing flexibility for most residential, non-basic services, yet Non-Published Service was specifically excluded from automatic pricing flexibility:

Finally, we are aware that there might be a few incidental services other than basic service that might not be sufficiently constrained by competition. These might include for example, additional directory listings, non-published numbers, PIC changes,

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of Verizon's filing to increase the rate for Non-Published Service for residential and business customers can be accessed on the Commission's website under Case 13-C-0099.

<sup>2</sup> A full description of Verizon's Non-Published Service can be found in Verizon's PSC NY No. 1 - Communications tariff.

and restoral charges. We will not authorize flexible tariffs for these services, unless it can be demonstrated that competition is effective in constraining such service.<sup>3</sup>

Although Verizon is not requesting pricing flexibility for Non-Published Service in the instant filing, the Commission's heightened sensitivity to the pricing of this service is evident. Accordingly, interested parties are invited to comment on Verizon's proposal to increase the rates for Non-Published Service.

Persons wishing to comment on this matter may submit comments electronically by e-filing through the Document Matter and Management System (DMM)<sup>4</sup> or e-mailing them to the Secretary at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) by April 8, 2013. Reply comments will be due April 15, 2013. Those unable to submit comments electronically may mail or deliver them to the Hon. Jeffrey C. Cohen, Acting Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All comments filed with the Secretary will become part of the official case record and may be accessed on the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>, by searching Case 13-C-0099.

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<sup>3</sup> Case 05-C-0616, "Statement of Policy on Further Steps Towards Competition in the Intermodal Telecommunications Market and Order Allowing Rate Filings" (issued and effective April 11, 2006) ("Competition III Order"), at pp. 68-69.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.dps.ny.gov/DMM\\_Registration.html](http://www.dps.ny.gov/DMM_Registration.html)