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### BY CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL

«Contact\_Name» «Title» «Contact\_Company» «Adr1» «Adr2» «City», «St» «ZIP»

Re: <u>Implementation of FCC's Order on Remand</u>

#### Dear Customer:

In a letter dated May 14, 2001, you were advised of Verizon's election to implement the intercarrier compensation regime for Internet traffic set forth in the FCC's *Order on Remand and Report and Order*, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68 (adopted April 18, 2001) (the "Order on Remand"). This election applies to all Verizon operating telephone companies with which your company has an effective interconnection agreement and does not change Verizon's view as to whether any such interconnection agreement has, prior to the Order on Remand, provided for intercarrier compensation for Internet-bound traffic.

Although it is Verizon's position that the compensation regime set forth in the Order on Remand is self-effecting by operation of various provisions of your interconnection agreement, including its change in law provisions, Verizon has prepared a short amendment, attached hereto, that memorializes the effectiveness of the Order on Remand in your agreement. Without waiving Verizon's position that this amendment is not required to implement the terms of the Order on Remand, we are requesting that you review the attached amendment and indicate your consent thereto by signing the document and returning it to:

Ms. Antonia Siebert Verizon Legal Department 1515 North Court House Road, Suite 500 Arlington, VA 22201 Phone: 703-351-3134

Fax: 703-351-3651

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Once we have received the signed document, a fully executed document will be returned to you. In those states where a particular form is required for amendments, we will provide that form to you as well.

If you wish to suggest changes to the attached amendment, we are ready to meet with you by telephone or otherwise to negotiate appropriate revisions. Please provide your proposed changes to Ms. Siebert as soon as possible, and let her know when you or your representative will be available to confer. It is now more than three months since Verizon's industry notice and more than two months since the FCC's compensation regime became effective and both parties to each agreement have a good faith obligation to give timely effect to this change in law. Accordingly, if we do not receive from you shortly either the signed amendment or specific proposed revisions to our offered amendment, we will take that as your assent that the compensation regime set forth in the Order on Remand is self-effecting.

Also, as stated in Verizon's industry notice of May 14, 2001, Verizon has offered, as required by the Order on Remand, to amend your interconnection agreement in each state to implement an alternative rate plan for termination of reciprocal compensation traffic originated by either party that would mirror the rates applicable to Internet traffic in that state. We expect that this alternative rate plan will only be of interest to carriers with a net balance of traffic toward Verizon; but if you should nevertheless wish to adopt that alternative rate plan in the Commonwealth of Virginia, please advise Ms. Siebert of that fact and we will forward an appropriate form of amendment.

Sincerely,

Jack H. White

Attachment

## AMENDMENT NO. \_\_

#### to the

#### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

#### between

# VERIZON VIRGINIA INC., f/k/a BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.

and

#### «Carrier»

This Amendment (the "Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Virginia., f/k/a Bell Atlantic – Virginia, Inc. and «Carrier» for the Commonwealth of Virginia (the "Agreement") is effective June 14, 2001.

Notwithstanding any possible contrary construction of this Agreement, Internet Traffic shall not be eligible for payment of Reciprocal Compensation under this Agreement . The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet traffic shall be governed by the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives.

«Carrier»	Verizon Virginia., f/k/a Bell Atlantic – Virginia, Inc.
By:	By:
Printed:	Printed: Jeffrey A. Masoner
Title:	Title: Vice-President - Interconnection Services Policy & Planning