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Verizon 70% Rate Request
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Dear Commissioners:

As a small business owner and Verizon customer, we want you to know we:

- OPPOSE the proposed interim rate increase request by Verizon
- Ask you to suspend the proposed 70% rate increase request by Verizon and hold public hearings on this huge proposed increase

We have been advised that Verizon has not even provided the Commission with proposed tariffs under their 70% rate increase and we ask that you require the company to provide you proposed tariffs for all customers under the proposal before proceeding.

We ask you to consider the challenging economy as you consider the Verizon request. Telephone service is a necessity to operate a small business. There is no government agency that we in business can go to and ask for an increase in sales to cover our increase in telephone costs should Verizon be allowed to increase their telephone rates. Higher telephone rates will mean a slow down in the economic recovery and fewer unemployed workers getting back to work. While we do not have all of the data you have, we feel that a 70% increase in local telephone service is excessive and should not be approved especially when we cannot get basic services such as caller ID.

We know the details of the issues are complex but we urge you to also carefully consider the larger impact to we ratepayers, the state's economic well being and the state's citizens at large as you consider the Verizon request.

Sincerely,

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