



August 1, 2003

Dear Wholesale Customer:

**Subject: Limited-duration Promotional Discounts – Closure of Offering Window**

In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No. 98-1398-TP-AMT Opinion and Order issued February 10, 2000, approving the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE (the "Merger Order"), Verizon implemented limited-duration promotional discounts on July 30, 2000 for several qualifying services and products, including UNE-Loops.

Under the terms and conditions applicable to the UNE promotional discounts, new orders for UNE-Loop service will cease to qualify for the prescribed promotional discount 36 months after commencement of the Offering Window period. All qualifying UNE Loops installed during the offer period will continue to receive the applicable discount for a period of 36 months from the date of installation.

Verizon is providing notice that, by the terms of the Merger Order, the Offering Window for the Promotional Discount for UNE-Loop service will close on July 31, 2003 in the state of Ohio due to expiration of the 36month period. Orders placed during the Offering Window with a requested installation date of no later than 30 days after the close of the Offering Window will be eligible for the promotional discount. Orders placed in service more than 30 days after close of the Offering Window will not be eligible for the promotional discount.

Verizon continues to appreciate your business. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Account Manager.