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Software enhancements (R3V24) to Verizon West (former GTE) Carrier Access Billing Systems (CABS) are scheduled for production June 1, 2002. With this release we will be implementing Special Access Pricing Flexibility Phase 2 (SAPF 2) and Near Out of Franchise (NOOF) billing. Listed below are the impacts to the customer.

SAPF 2 – Verizon currently indicates rating for pricing flexibility on the CSR using the existing Rate Zone FID. This is accomplished through an expanded number of zones: 1 through 6, with zones 1, 2 and 3 representing price flex markets and zones 4, 5 and 6 representing price cap markets for those states with approved price flex market areas. Recent industry guidance rejects this approach in favor of the Price Band FID (PBD).

This release provides for billing of special access rate elements subject to pricing flexibility utilizing the Price Flex FID in accordance with the recent industry guidance. Specifically, the PBD value will be A, B or C indicating the appropriate Price Flex Band.

NOOF – This enhancement provides CABS the capability to produce a Multi-Exchange Code (EC) bill and CSR. The Multi-EC bill and CSR will enable CABS to apply a BIP factor on each EC's mileage USOC. This enhancement will also include a method of tracking the in-franchise and out-of-franchise revenue for product revenue reporting and forecasting.

The scope of the Multi-EC bill and CSR enhancement encompasses non-usage based rate elements. The method of tracking in-franchise and out-of-franchise revenue for product revenue reporting and forecasting will be provided for both usage-based and non-usage-based billing.

Questions or requests for additional information may be directed to your Verizon Access Billing Representative.