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Dear Valued Customer:

Verizon wishes to ensure accurate billing for DS3 access services ordered via the ASR. Minimizing or eliminating errors in the VTA and EBP fields in ASRs will improve billing accuracy. The customer filling those fields should materially reduce errors therein. Accordingly, effective December 23, 2002, Verizon West (former GTE) will implement a process change to assure that the VTA and EBP fields have been completed by the customer before an ASR is accepted by Verizon. If those fields are not populated in an ASR, the ASR will be automatically, mechanically rejected by means of a fatal edit. A description of the new process (ASR Process Concerning Customer Completion of VTA and EBP Fields) is attached to this letter for your reference.

Please contact your account representative if you have any questions.

Attachments (2)

ASR Process Concerning Customer Completion of VTA and EBP Fields

The ASR submission process will change, effective December 23, 2002, to require that the VTA and EBP fields be completed by the customer prior to submission. The change will result in the creation of an EXACT fatal edit which will mechanically reject ASRs back to Carriers if the VTA and EBP fields are not populated with DS3 payment plan data. ASRs mechanically rejected means that the PON will not be received by Verizon.

The FCC No.14 Tariff, Section 5.6.11(A) and (C), and FCC No.16 Tariff, Section 5.11.5, describe the applicable DS3 rate structure and minimum service periods.

The fatal edit will assist Verizon with improving the accuracy of the access bills.

Below is a summary of the fatal edit details:

NC DS3 (HF)
ACT N, C
PIU 100
SPEC NOT EQUAL TO COLLOCATION
ACTL in Verizon West Family Territory
CFA BLANK

VTA Field

Characters 1 & 2 = 12, 36, 60, 84
Characters 3 & 4 = PF, PS, BD, GV, EI,
Characters 5 & 6 = 01, 03, 12, UL

EBP

If SECLOC is not in CLLI format and ASC-EC is blank, there must be 4 characters in Alpha or Numeric format

The fatal Error Message will be:

ICS1025E: ASR REJECTED - FLEX FATAL ERROR DETECTED
ICS7000E ** THIS IS A FATAL ERROR FOR AN INCORRECT VTA/EBP FIELD **

The attached DS3 Payment Plan Matrix will assist you with populating the VTA and EBP fields.

DS3 PAYMENT PLAN MATRIX – GTE/CONTEL		
DS3 VTA		
POSITIONS 1 & 2	12, 36, 60, 84	Number of months
POSITIONS 3 & 4	PF	Protected First System
	PS	Protected Subsequent System
	GF	Group First System (grandfathered 03/04/99)
	GS	Group Subsequent System (grandfathered 03/04/99)
	BD	BANDSONET
	GV	GOVERNMENT (will not need positions 5 thru 8 populated)
	EI	CROSS CONNECTS
POSITIONS 5 & 6	01	Individual System (used with PF only)
	03	Three System (used with PF and PS only)
	12	Twelve System (used with PF and PS)
	UL	Unlimited System (used with PF and PS)
DS3 EBP		
POSITIONS 1 THRU 4	PF01	Protected Individual System for Enduser
	PF03	Protected First Three System for Enduser
	PS03	Protected Subsequent Three System for Enduser
	PF12	Protected First Twelve System for Enduser
	PS12	Protected Subsequent Twelve System for Enduser