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Dear Customer:

Subject: Verizon Local Interconnection Routing Clarification for Multiple Tandem LATAs

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm and clarify the guidelines Verizon West (former GTE) uses to deliver local and IntraLATA traffic for termination by Wireless and CLEC Carriers. The guidelines used by Verizon are intended to promote efficient use of tandem and direct end office trunk groups. Efficient tandem routing is a critical issue due to heavy tandem capacity demands that have resulted in numerous new tandem deployments. These Verizon guidelines are consistent with, and reinforce the necessity of following, the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

When either a two way trunk group or directional trunk group exists between a Verizon end office and a carrier switch, Verizon routes originating traffic for all NPA/NXX codes assigned to that carrier switch over the direct trunk group. Verizon expects the carrier switch to send all originating traffic for NPA/NXX codes assigned to that Verizon end office in the LERG over the direct trunk group.

When tandem trunk groups are used, either for accepting overflow from direct trunk groups or as the only route for traffic, the following points of clarification apply:

- For LATAs with multiple serving tandems, terminating traffic to Verizon must be delivered through the appropriate IntraLATA tandem in accordance with the subtending arrangements established in the LERG. Carrier transit traffic will only be accepted at the Verizon tandem serving the rate center area to which the terminating NPA/NXX codes have been assigned in the LERG. No such traffic will be double tandem routed.
- For LATAs with multiple serving tandems, Verizon requires trunk groups be established from all serving tandems for purposes of delivering Verizon originated traffic.
- Where a Verizon Originating or Two-way direct trunk group exists between a Verizon tandem and a carrier switch, Verizon originating traffic that is tandem routed from its subtending offices will be routed over that direct trunk group for all NPA/NXX codes assigned in the LERG to that carrier switch.

In areas where past practices differ from the above, Verizon will work with regional carrier implementation teams to establish appropriate transition strategies. As always, if unforeseen service issues arise, Verizon will work with individual carriers to support interim, short-term deviations from the above guidelines where reasonable and mutually agreeable.

For further questions, please contact your Verizon account representative.