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**RE: Federal Universal Service Fund Exemption Certification Process Changes**

This is an important message for Local Exchange resellers and Switched Access customers. Verizon is required to contribute a percentage of designated revenues to the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF). Verizon may assess a surcharge on its customers to recover its FUSF costs. Customers who resell Verizon's services and who are direct contributors to the FUSF, however, may qualify for an exemption from the surcharge through Verizon's FUSF Exemption Certification process.

In January 2005, Verizon implemented an online FUSF Exemption Certification process for Interstate Special Access carriers. Verizon is now allowing all Local Exchange Resellers and those Interstate Switched Access carriers that are billed a primary interexchange carrier charge (PICC) by Verizon to apply for an exemption on-line. Through an updated online process, Verizon will accept Local Exchange Reseller and Interstate Switched Access Exemption Certifications beginning December 17, 2007. Interstate Special Access customers should continue to submit FUSF exemption certifications using the online process that was implemented in January 2005.

Exemption Certifications for Local Exchange Resellers and Interstate Switched Access carriers must be submitted to Verizon by January 21, 2008. After this date, Verizon will bill the FUSF surcharge on all accounts that have not been properly exempted. Each carrier will also have the responsibility to update its Exemption Certification annually to avoid being billed FUSF surcharges.

To be eligible for an Exemption Certification, a customer must: (1) have an FCC Form 499 Filer ID number; (2) purchase service for resale in the form of telecommunications or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service; and (3) contribute directly to the FUSF (or that each entity to which a customer provides resold telecommunications is itself an FCC Form 499 worksheet filer and a direct contributor to the FUSF).

To submit an FUSF surcharge Exemption Certification, an authorized representative of your company must submit a request at <https://www22.verizon.com/wholesale/access/systems/fusfexemption>

**Please contact your Account Manager with any questions about the foregoing.**