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RE: Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge Exemptions on Interstate Special Access services – Annual Recertification

This is an important message for Interstate Special Access customers. Verizon is required to contribute a percentage of designated revenues to the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF). In turn, Verizon may assess a surcharge on its customers to recover its FUSF contributions. 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. Many Interstate Special Access customers have already received an exemption through Verizon's on-line process.

Effective January 21, 2008, all Interstate Special Access customers with Exemption Certifications will be required to recertify. The recertification period will run from January 21, 2008 through March 20, 2008.

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

If you do not recertify by March 20, 2008, Verizon will begin billing the FUSF surcharge on your interstate special access service accounts.

Eligible Interstate Special Access customers that are *not* already exempt from Verizon's FUSF surcharge may apply for an Exemption Certification at any time. The *recertification* requirement for Interstate Special Access customers, however, applies only to those customers that have obtained a valid Exemption Certification prior to December 17, 2007.

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). Verizon will verify a carrier's contributor status directly through the FCC's website. Verizon will remove a carrier's exemption if it is unable to verify a carrier's contributor status.

Please contact your Account Manager for more information.