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Audience: CLEC,ISP,IXC,Resellers,Wireless,ILEC

Subject : Verizon Partner Solutions Industry Letter: Additions to the FCC List of Competitive Counties in which UNE DS1 and DS3 Loops Are Discontinued

The purpose of this letter is to notify your company of a recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) notice^[1] designating certain additional counties in Verizons ILEC service territory as competitive pursuant to the 2020 UNE Order.^[2]

Under the 2020 UNE Order, the FCC (among other things) discontinued, subject to certain transition periods, DS1 and DS3 loops serving end user locations in counties that the FCC designates (or has designated) as competitive.^[3] Discontinued DS1 loops were subject to a transition period during which new orders were permitted to be installed for a two-year period that ended on February 7, 2023, and the embedded base in-service as of February 8, 2021 will remain available as UNEs for a transition period ending on August 7, 2024. Any discontinued DS3 UNE Loops already installed in a competitive county as of February 8, 2021 will remain available as UNEs through February 7, 2024. Conversions of special access services to UNEs were prohibited effective February 8, 2021.

In the 2023 FCC Notice, the FCC added, effective as of January 27, 2023, the following counties to the list of competitive counties in which DS1 and DS3 loops are discontinued as UNEs, subject to the above-referenced transition periods:

State	County or county equivalent
MD	Allegany County
MD	Carroll County
PA	Fayette County
PA	Pike County
PA	Schuylkill County
VA	Emporia city
VA	Petersburg city

As a reminder, if your company, as of the end of the applicable transition period described above, has an embedded base of any UNEs that are being discontinued, you should take advantage of the transition period to migrate or convert such circuits to an available replacement arrangement. So as to help ensure an orderly transition and minimize the potential for service disruption, please complete all such activity comfortably in advance of the end of the applicable transition period. As the transition deadlines approach, Verizon will issue a further notice(s) describing the disposition of any discontinued UNE circuits that have not yet been migrated, converted or disconnected.

Please note that not all ICAs contain terms by which UNEs described in this notice are available to your company. Nothing in this notice is intended to obligate Verizon to provide any UNEs that are not already available under your ICA.

If you should have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Verizon Account Manager.

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^[1] Public Notice DA 23-76, WC Docket Nos. 21-17 and 17-144 (released January 27, 2023) (2023 FCC Notice).

^[2] *Report and Order*, WC Docket No. 19-308, Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services (rel. October 28, 2020) (2020 UNE Order). The 2020 UNE Order was published in the Federal Register on January 8, 2021 and took effect on February 8, 2021. Verizon has previously notified your company and implemented UNE discontinuations in accordance with the 2020 UNE Order.

^[3] As of the date of this notice, the FCCs lists of competitive counties are available at <https://www.fcc.gov/bds-competitive-and-noncompetitive-lists>. Verizon also maintains a list of competitive counties within Verizons service territory; that list is

available as of the date of this notice at

https://www22.verizon.com/wholesale/attachments/verizonwirecenter&countysexempt_2.8.2023.xlsx

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