

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of))	
VERIZON HAWAII INC.)	Docket No. 02-0343
)	
For Approval of Changes to its)	Order No. 19694
Tariff, and Request for Exemption.)	
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ORDER

I.

By application filed on September 12, 2002, VERIZON HAWAII INC. requests commission approval of certain revisions to its tariff -- specifically, section 2, paragraph 19. Its proposed tariff changes are reflected in Exhibit D of its application. Verizon Hawaii Inc. makes its request in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §§ 269-16, 269-16.9, and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-61-111. The proposed effective date of the tariff changes is October 14, 2002.

Copies of the application were served on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy.

II.

Verizon Hawaii Inc. seeks approval to revise section 2, paragraph 19(E), entitled Return Check Charge, by:

1. Changing the title of this provision to Return Payment Charge.
2. Amending the provision's language to "clarify that the charge applies to any returned payment, not solely to a returned check."

3. Increasing the applicable charge from \$9.00 to \$20.00 per returned payment.

Verizon Hawaii Inc. also seeks approval to revise section 2, paragraph 19(F), entitled Late Payment Charge, by increasing this charge from 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent per month.

III.


Upon careful review, the commission finds it prudent to provide further opportunity to review and determine the justness and reasonableness of the tariff changes proposed by Verizon Hawaii Inc., as reflected in Exhibit D of its application. Thus, the commission will suspend the proposed tariff changes, pursuant to HRS § 269-16(b) and HAR § 6-80-40.

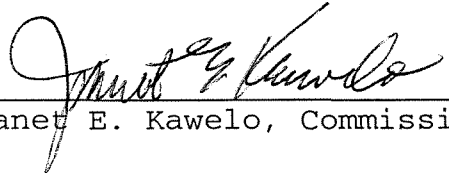
IV.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the tariff changes proposed by Verizon Hawaii Inc., as reflected in Exhibit D of its application, are suspended pending further review and order of the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 4th day of October,
2002.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

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Gregg J. Kinkley, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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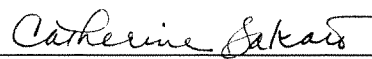
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 19694 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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