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ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Compission, State of Hawaii.

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I.

By Decision and Order No. 20163, filed on April 30, 2003, the commission selected Sprint Communications Company, L.P. to be the exclusive provider of intrastate telecommunications relay services ("TRS") within the State of Hawaii from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006. By Order No. 20193, filed on May 23, 2003, the commission established the framework for carrier contributions to the state TRS fund and allowed carriers to recover their contributions through a surcharge to Order No. 20193, among other things, waived the customers. 30-day tariff filing requirements for those carriers implementing a surcharge to its customers in the month of July 2003 and allowed the associated tariff to become effective upon filing.

On June 16, 2003, Verizon Hawaii Inc. ("Verizon Hawaii") filed its tariff sheets for PUC Tariff No. 1, Section 1B

("Tariff amendments"). These sheets: (1) reflect an effective date of July 1, 2003; (2) delete the current TRS tariff rates and regulations, which govern Verizon Hawaii's provision of TRS; and (3) establish a new surcharge. Specifically, Verizon Hawaii will assess its new monthly surcharge as follows: Basic switched access lines at \$.14 per line and ISDN PRI systems at \$.70 per system. Further, 4th Revised Sheet 2 of PUC Tariff No. 1 with an effective date of June 23, 2003, grandfathers Verizon Hawaii's text telephone ("TTY") rental program. No orders for new or additional text telephones were processed by Verizon Hawaii, however, Verizon Hawaii continued the service for existing rental text telephones until July 1, 2003. Also 5th Revised Sheet 2 of PUC Tariff No. 1 reflects the deletion of the TTY rental program from Verizon Hawaii's tariff sheet.

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

II.

Upon review, the commission finds it reasonable to allow Verizon Hawaii's Tariff amendments to take effect, effective on their stated effective dates. The commission notes that, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §§ 269-6, 269-7, and 269-8, the commission may continue to review the justness and reasonableness of the TRS surcharge and any other related matters, consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, the

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commission may order the future revision or modification of any TRS Tariff provision, in the exercise of its statutory duties.

IV.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Verizon Hawaii's Tariff amendments, filed on June 16, 2003, shall be allowed to take effect on their stated effective dates.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 8th day of July, 2003.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Arla Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By Mwe Wwww. Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin M. Katsura Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20305 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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