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MANHATTAN PHONE NUMBERS MADE MORE PORTABLE — Customers Who Move Within Borough Can Keep Same Phone Number —

Albany, NY—04/21/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today authorized Verizon New York Inc. (Verizon) to consolidate the three rate zones for the Borough of Manhattan. This consolidation allows customers in area codes 212, 646, and the Manhattan customers in area code 917, who move within the Borough of Manhattan to keep their same telephone number. This change will not result in any rate increases and is anticipated to be effective in August 2009.

“The Commission’s authorization to consolidate certain rate zones for Verizon will place the company on equal footing with its wireless competitors, since it will allow Verizon’s customers to keep their same telephone numbers when relocating within the Borough of Manhattan,” said Commissioner Chairman Garry Brown. “Also, rate center or zone consolidation is an approved method to conserve telephone numbers as it reduces the demand for number resources, thereby prolonging the life of an area code.”

In March of 2009, Verizon filed tariff revisions with the Commission to consolidate three of New York City’s rate zones, by establishing one rate zone for the Borough of Manhattan for area codes 212, 646 and the Manhattan portion of area code 917. Subsequently, a notice was issued by the Secretary to the Commission advising interested parties of Verizon’s filing.

Under the proposal authorized by the Commission today, consolidation of the three rate zones for Manhattan will allow Verizon's customers who move within the Borough of Manhattan to keep their same telephone number. The rate zone consolidation will not result in any changes in local service rates or calling areas and will be transparent to the company's customers.

With today's authorization by the Commission to consolidate rate zones for Manhattan, Verizon will need to file its consolidation plan with the American Numbering Plan Administrator, the entity responsible for number resourcing in the United States, before implementing the company's plan. It is anticipated the consolidation plan for Manhattan's rate zones will become effective in August of this year.

A copy of the Commission's written decision in Case 09-C-0244, when issue, will be available on the Commission's www.dps.state.ny.us Web site by accessing the Documents section of the homepage. Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders can also be obtained from the Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).