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Statement from the Commission

Alternatives Are Available to Verizon's Time and Weather Services, Which End June 1, 2011

On November 30, 2010, Verizon filed a notice to withdraw its Time and Weather services effective June 1st. Pursuant to federal law and prior Commission rulings dating back to 2002, the Commission does not have the authority to prohibit Verizon from terminating these two services. Specifically, according to Verizon's Price Cap Plan, Time and Weather services have been classified as discretionary services, which means Verizon can withdraw the services on 30 days notice and Commission approval is not required.

While the Commission is aware that Verizon's withdrawal of its Time and Weather services may be unpopular with some residents, the Commission would like to inform residents of other available options. In an effort to ease the transition for District residents who rely on these services, the Commission requested that Verizon add a message to the recordings that it plans to discontinue Time and Weather Services on June 1st. Consumers will have adequate time to seek other options.

Residents who want to continue to utilize Time and Weather services as of June 1st can contact the following:

Time

- U.S. Naval Observatory Dial in Service

Phone Numbers: 202-762-1069 or 202-762-1401 (24 hour time**)

Internet: <http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/cgi-bin/timer.pl>

- The Official U.S. Time (National Institute of Standards and Technology & U.S. Naval Observatory)

Internet: <http://time.gov/widget.html> (12 hour time)

<http://time.gov/> (24 hour time**)

*** To convert 24 hour time to 12 hour time, subtract 12 if the time is greater than 12.*

Weather

- National Weather Service (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
Phone Number: 703-996-2200
Internet: <http://www.weather.gov/>

Time & Weather

- BING 411 or 1-800-246-4411

Consumers can also consult their local broadcast and cable television stations as well as their local radio stations for time and weather.

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