

## NOTICE TO FIRST SETTLEMENT CLAIMANTS

**This additional information applies if you submitted a claim for a refund of a portion of certain late fees that you paid to your telephone company, Bell-Atlantic-Maryland, Inc. (now known as Verizon-Maryland, Inc., herein “Verizon”) between January and June 2003 under the first Stipulation of Settlement that was rejected by the Court in November 2003.**

Your claim was made in connection with a proposed settlement of the above-captioned class action lawsuits which are pending in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “Actions”), as previously set forth in a settlement agreement dated December 9, 2002 (the “First Settlement”). The Court conducted a hearing on the First Settlement on May 5, 2003. On November 13, 2003, the Court declined to finally approve the First Settlement.

Thereafter, the Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel resumed prosecution of the Actions against the Defendants on your behalf and on behalf of the Class. Following the Court’s ruling on several issues in the case, Class Counsel and Defendants’ counsel, with the participation and assistance of an independent mediator, negotiated a new settlement of the Actions (the “New Settlement”) which is embodied in a Stipulation of Settlement dated June 1, 2004 (the “June 1, 2004 Stipulation”). The New Settlement contains terms which are different from the First Settlement, however the procedure for the submission and payment of claims is the same. Because you already submitted a claim under the First Settlement, you are receiving this letter to inform you of your rights and to minimize any confusion associated with the New Settlement.

As part of the New Settlement, Verizon has agreed to honor your previous claim if it was timely and valid. If you are unsure whether you submitted a timely and valid claim under the First Settlement, you may submit a new claim under the New Settlement to obtain a settlement benefit. If you decide to submit a new claim, your previous claim will be disregarded. If you do not submit a new claim, your rights will be determined by your previous claim. **However, you are not required to submit a new claim under the New Settlement.** Furthermore, you should be aware that under the New Settlement, only one (1) valid claim per Settlement Class Member will be paid by Verizon.

Return to the homepage of this website to review the Notice and Stipulation which describe the New Settlement in greater detail and tells you how you may obtain additional information concerning the New Settlement if you wish to obtain such information. A copy of a notice containing the same information set forth herein, will also be sent to you.

Should you have questions concerning the terms of the New Settlement, or your rights thereunder, or should you desire to review a copy of the June 1, 2004 Stipulation and related settlement documentation, you may visit the settlement website at **[www.latefeesettlement.com](http://www.latefeesettlement.com)** or you may contact Lead Class Counsel at:

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**Please do not contact the Court, Verizon, Verizon's lawyers, the Settlement Administrator, or the Maryland Public Service Commission with any questions relating to the Actions, the First Settlement, or the New Settlement.**