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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 22:49:58 GMT

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 23:38:43 GMT

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That's ridiculous. Can you get a different ISP?

As for the rest, that's gotta change. Write your congresscritters and vote!

Cheers,

-Jamie

[www.JamieKruz.com](http://www.JamieKruz.com)

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Subject: Re: Effin' Verizon!!!!  
Posted by [David L](#) on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 03:54:55 GMT  
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\$25/month for Giganews? Try Forte's APN - \$2.95/month. Much better deal...

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Subject: Re: Effin' Verizon!!!!  
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 13:37:14 GMT  
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OK, Paul, take a deep breath. Another. Another. OK, wait, don't pass out.

Now, right a letter to the CEO of Verizon and tell him/her exactly why you are leaving their previously satisfactory service. Then find another ISP.

Start loving the world.

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Posted by [xpam\\_mark](#) on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 17:11:34 GMT

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Mon, 18 Aug 2008 16:22:35 GMT  
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Posted by [Ed](#) on Mon, 18 Aug 2008 18:03:51 GMT  
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ahahahahahah! That's funny! And I assumed they didn't take it! Although they've taken many of my small butane (harmless) lighters and my precious nose hair cutter scissors... Day's Mean! And this was in Tampa after flying through 2 other American airports and crossing the International Date Line

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Posted by [rick](#) on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 08:58:00 GMT  
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