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By E-Mail and Federal Express

Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Docket No. UT-040788; Proposed Settlement of Verizon Rate Case

Dear Ms. Washburn:

AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. ("AT&T") is not a party to the above-referenced proceeding, but AT&T is a party to Verizon Northwest Inc.'s ("Verizon's") appeal of the Commission order requiring Verizon to reduce its switched access charges in response to AT&T's complaint. A provision in the proposed settlement agreement in this docket requires Verizon to dismiss this appeal. AT&T agrees that dismissal of the appeal would be in the public interest, as well as in the best interests of the parties and the Commission. AT&T, however, takes no position on any other aspect of the proposed settlement agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions about AT&T's position.

Very truly yours,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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