

Exhibit T-___ (TLW-2)
Docket No. UT-050814
Witness: Thomas L. Wilson, Jr.

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**In the Matter of the Joint Application of
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
and MCI, INC.

For Approval of Agreement and Plan of
Merger**

DOCKET NO. UT-050814

EXHIBIT TO DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

Thomas L. Wilson, Jr.

**STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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1 **Q. Please state your qualifications to provide testimony in this proceeding.**

2 A. I have a master's degree in economics, and a bachelor's degree in agricultural
3 economics from the University of Wyoming. My academic focus is on the theory
4 of the firm, production and price analysis, econometrics, and regulatory
5 economics. I completed the Sixth Annual Western Utility Rate Seminar co-
6 sponsored by the NARUC Water Committee, the Utah Public Service
7 Commission and the Division of Continuing Education, University of Utah. I
8 have also completed the Annual Regulatory Studies Program co-sponsored by
9 NARUC and the Graduate School of Business Administration and Lifelong
10 Education Programs, Michigan State University. I have completed additional
11 coursework in finance and accounting, and negotiation skills at the University of
12 Washington, Graduate School of Business.

13 I have been employed at the Commission since January 1986, when I was
14 hired as an economist to work on implementation of the Regulatory Flexibility
15 Act of 1985. I am a senior member of the telecommunications staff. I assumed
16 my current position in November 2000.

17 In my tenure at the Commission, I have served as economic advisor to the
18 arbitrator in arbitrations of interconnection agreements under Section 252 of the
19 Telecommunications Act of 1996. I have also served as the Commission's

1 telecommunications policy advisor, and in that role I provided policy advice to
2 the Commission on several major cases, including: the “generic” cost of service
3 case --UT-960369; the cost of universal service in UT-980311; and competitive
4 classification of U S WEST’s DS3 services in UT-990022. While serving as policy
5 advisor, I also actively held a position on the National Association of Regulatory
6 Utility Commissioner’s (NARUC) telecommunications staff subcommittee. I also
7 staffed on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service for the States’ side
8 as vice chair, state staff. I was chief of staff for the Rural Task Force appointed by
9 the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. I co-authored a paper, *Closing*
10 *the Gap: Universal Service for Low-Income Households*, 2000, with the
11 Telecommunications Industries Analysis Project, an impartial research forum
12 supported by NARUC, which was located at Harvard University.

13 I was the lead and only witness for Staff in the Commission’s first
14 interconnection docket, UT-941464, and my recommendations were largely
15 adopted well before passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I attended
16 Industry Numbering Committee Local Number Portability Workshops, working
17 to find an interim solution for local number portability in 1994. I coordinated the
18 first multi-state commission video-conference on operational support systems
19 issues in 1997. I have attended numerous technical training opportunities

1 provided by former ILECs GTE, Pacific Northwest Bell, and U S WEST. I have
2 testified before the FCC in workshops on cost of service models to estimate total
3 element long run incremental cost (TELRIC).

4 I have reviewed many interconnection agreements. I have also provided
5 Staff recommendations and worked on many orders concerning interconnection
6 agreements. I have worked on rulemakings and policy interpretation concerning
7 interconnection agreements.

8 From October 2001 to October 2002 I took a one-year leave of absence to
9 work for Washington State University as the assistant director of the Center to
10 Bridge the Digital Divide, which is in the Colleges of Agriculture, and
11 Cooperative Extension. In that capacity I worked on supply, demand, and policy
12 issues in information communications technology. I performed research, and
13 developed and managed partnership projects with the AT&T Foundation, Avista
14 Communications, The Barrett Group, Inc., CenturyTel, ComCARE Alliance,
15 Legg-Mason, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Qwest, Sprint, Verizon
16 Foundation, the Office of FCC Commissioner Michael Copps, the Washington
17 Office of Trade and Economic Development, Western Wireless, the Washington
18 cities of LaConner, Mount Vernon, Prosser (with Benton REA), Forks, Deer Park,
19 and Dayton.

1 I have been a repeat guest lecturer at an annual seminar, "The Basics of
2 Regulation" sponsored by NARUC and the Center for Public Utilities, New
3 Mexico State University. I presented material for beginners from the public and
4 private sectors on the status of the telecommunications industry, implementation
5 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and on methods for estimating the cost
6 of service in telecommunications.

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8 **Q. Have you presented testimony before this Commission in other cases?**

9 A. Yes. I have pre-filed written testimony and testified before the Commission in
10 various proceedings, including:

- 11 1. Dockets U-87-1566-P, competitive classification of billing and collection
12 services for United Telephone of the Northwest
- 13 2. Docket U-88-1997-P competitive classification of billing and collection
14 services for Pacific Northwest Bell;
- 15 3. Docket U-88-2186-P, competitive classification of centrex and other
16 enhanced calling features offered by Contel of the Northwest,
- 17 4. U-88-2370-J, determining the proper classification of Metrolink,
- 18 5. Docket U-88-2188-T, U S WEST in the matter of partial payments issues,
- 19 6. Docket U-88-2417-F, complaint by Metro-Net Services against U S WEST,
- 20 7. Dockets U-88-1719-F, a complaint by GTE v. Metrolink
- 21 8. Docket U-89-3175-T, U S WEST tariff regarding arbitrage of overlapping
22 extended area service areas,
- 23 9. Docket U-89-3294-J, determining the proper classification of Phonelink,
- 24 10. Docket UT-901029, registration of Electric Lightwave, decided by State
25 Supreme Court, 123 Wn.2d 530, 869 P.2d 1045 (1994).
- 26 11. Dockets UT-910776 and UT-910777, registration and competitive
27 classification of Digital Direct of Seattle, decided by State Supreme Court
28 123 Wn.2d 530, 869 P.2d 1045 (1994).

- 1 12. Docket UT-910969, competitive classification of Wiltel,
- 2 13. Docket TG-920234, determining the proper classification of U S Ecology
- 3 (low level radioactive waste disposal),
- 4 14. Docket UT-920546, competitive classification of International Pacific,
- 5 15. Docket UT-920632, competitive classification of Paytel Northwest,
- 6 16. Docket UT-920174, payphone providers complaint against U S WEST,
- 7 17. Docket UT-941464 et al. generic interconnection, and
- 8 18. Dockets UT-951244 and UT-951342, WUTC v U S WEST and MFS and
- 9 TCG v U S WEST respectively.
- 10 19. Docket UT-030614, competitive classification of Qwest analog local
- 11 exchange business services.
- 12 20. Docket UT-033011, Commission complaint against Qwest and several
- 13 CLECs concerning unfiled interconnection agreements.
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15 **Q. Does this conclude the description of your credentials?**

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17 **A. Yes.**