BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Complainant,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UT-040788

OFFER OF PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL EXHIBIT NO. 501

Public Counsel hereby offers Exhibit 501 for admission into the record of the general interim rate case.

Exhibit 501. The exhibit consists of letters, emails and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Verizon Northwest general rate case. These letters and emails were submitted to the Commission by March 18, 2005 or to the office of Public Counsel as of March 24, 2005. The exhibit also includes written materials submitted at the public comment hearings in Everett and Kennewick on March 22-23, 2005. The documents are separated according to whether they were received at the WUTC, Public Counsel, or the hearings. There are a total of <u>2100</u> comments, <u>2096</u> opposed, <u>1</u> in favor and <u>3</u> other.

DATED this <u>24th</u> day of March, 2005.

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