

Before the

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	DOCKET NO. UT-003013, PHASE B
The Continued Costing and Pricing)	
of Unbundled Elements, Transport)	VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.
and Termination, and Resale)	RESPONSES TO BENCH REQUEST
)	NOS. 44 - 45
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BR 44:

Please provide the percentage of Verizon central offices (in Washington) in which Verizon's affiliate is the only xDSL provider, and provide information on the number of offices in which DLECs can provide data services. Please identify the vintage of the information supplied.

Response:

As of April 27, 2001, 34 out of Verizon Northwest's total 104 central offices are currently being used to provide xDSL. Of these 34 central offices, 14 central offices are served by both VADI and other DLECs and the remaining 20 central offices (or 19% of Verizon's total central offices) are served by VADI only. DLECs can provide xDSL services out of any Verizon Northwest Washington central office in which they have established collocation and in which they have installed their DSL equipment (DSLAMs). DLECs are not restricted to central offices in which Verizon's affiliate -- or any other DLEC -- is offering xDSL services.

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BR45:

(To all parties) What additional costs (by category or description, not amount) are incurred by a LEC to provide ongoing data service when a customer who is receiving voice and data service changes the voice provider?

Response:

As a result of the FCC merger conditions for the GTE/Bell Atlantic merger, Verizon Northwest Inc., the ILEC, is prohibited from providing advanced services to end user. Instead, Verizon Advanced Data Inc. (VADI), a DLEC affiliated with Verizon, provides advanced data services to retail end users. Thus, Verizon Northwest Inc. would not incur any costs in the scenario noted above beyond those associated with converting a line sharing scenario involving VADI into a line splitting scenario.

If required to continue providing data services to an end user migrating voice to a UNE-P provider, VADI would incur the same costs as any other DLEC entering into a line splitting scenario with the UNE-P provider. Specifically, VADI would incur costs associated with actually providing data. Verizon Northwest is unable to identify those costs. Moreover, under Verizon Northwest's line splitting service descriptions, it bills and maintains a customer relationship with the UNE-P provider, who in turn would charge the data provider whatever it chooses. Thus, VADI would incur whatever costs the UNE-P provider chooses to pass on to the data provider. Verizon Northwest has no idea what the UNE-P provider would charge VADI in this situation.

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