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Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
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**Subject: NUMBER BLOCK ACTIVATION EXTENSION; UT-081471**

Verizon Northwest Inc. requests an extension of the deadline to activate a number block whose assignment the Commission authorized on September 11, 2008 by Order 01 in the referenced docket.

As explained in the original number request filing, the numbers in question are for use by a new packet switch installed in Everett. The Company has been encountering systems difficulties that have been preventing the completion of service orders and activation of numbers. The Company has been working continuously to determine the cause of the activation failures and to resolve the issues, but it is concerned that it may not be successful before the six month activation deadline of April 19, 2009. Therefore, it requests that the Commission authorize an extension of the deadline.

Please call me at 425-261-5006 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Potter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a stylized "P".

Richard E. Potter  
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