## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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REQUESTER: Verizon/Frontier

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**REQUEST NO. 1:** On page 2 of his testimony, Mr. Weinman states that "Staff believes that there may not be any way for Frontier to provide benefits to Washington customers that offset the financial harm and operational risks" associated with the proposed transaction. Did Staff conduct an analysis to determine if there are any potential financial harm or operational risks for Washington customers if the transaction is not approved? If so, please provide the analysis.

RESPONSE: Staff did not identify any significant financial or operational risks for Washington consumers if the transaction is not approved because Staff expects that Verizon would maintain existing levels of service, quality and affordability.