

February 22, 2006

David S. Valdez, Vice President
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Re: *WUTC v. Verizon Northwest Inc.*, Docket UT-040788
Order No. 18, Late Charge Report Filing Requirements for February 15, 2006

Dear Mr. Valdez:

The Commission has received Verizon's first late payment charge report required in the final order in UT-040788. Your cover letter to that report asks for an extension of time until March 1, 2006, to report on the feasibility of reporting certain information.

The Commission will defer a decision until it receives the missing data, or at least until Verizon provides the feasibility information described in the footnote.

In Verizon's March 1 report, please explain what specific barriers make infeasible the report that was agreed and why the barriers were not apparent at the time Verizon agreed to make the report. Please describe what specifically in terms of tasks, efforts, and costs must be done to permit the company to comply with the order.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary