

[Service Date October 21, 2005]

October 21, 2005

**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for Monday, October 24, 2005, 10:30 a.m.)**

**NOTICE OF FILING DATE FOR EXHIBITS ON CROSS EXAMINATION
AND ESTIMATES OF TIME ON CROSS
(Due by Wednesday, October 26, 2005, noon)**

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Verizon Communications, Inc., and
MCI, Inc., for Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger
Docket No. UT-050814

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 21, 2005, Commission Staff, Verizon, and Integra filed with the Commission a joint multiparty settlement, which will require a discussion of process. In addition, Covad indicated on October 20 that it is seeking to withdraw from the proceeding and voices no opposition to the proposed settlement; witness appearance schedules should be confirmed and the order of examination should be established; the starting date of the hearing should be deferred by one day; a schedule should be established for post-hearing process; and other procedural matters may require attention. Therefore, the Commission will convene a prehearing conference in this docket as follows.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference to address the procedural schedule and other processes in this matter will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 24, 2005, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The conference bridge will be available for parties to call in to the conference. If you plan to attend via the conference bridge, please call **360-664-3846** at 10:25 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN That exhibits on Cross Examination and estimates of time on cross are due in the Commission offices no later than noon on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. Documents should be filed electronically to Judge Wallis at bwallis@wutc.wa.gov by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

A draft exhibit list is attached. Please send corrections to the administrative law judge no later than the deadline for cross examination exhibits and estimates of time on cross. If parties are prepared to complete the discussion and resolution of these matters at the conference on Monday, and no further matters arise, the conference previously scheduled in this matter to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2005 may be cancelled.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge

Attachment