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April 13, 2004

Ms. Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: **WUTC Docket No. UT-023003**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the Comments of Verizon Northwest Inc. on Need for Scheduled Hearing Dates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Catherine Kane Ronis

cc: ALJ Theodora M. Mace  
Counsel of Record

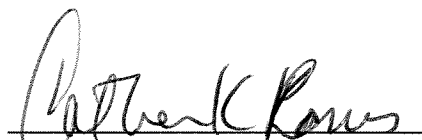
BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Review of )  
Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates; the ) DOCKET NO. UT-023003  
Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure; and )  
Unbundled Network Elements, Transport, )  
and Termination )  
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**COMMENTS OF VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. ON**  
**HEARING DATES JUNE 2-4, 2004**

Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") hereby responds to ALJ Mace's April 9, 2004 Notice, which seeks comments on whether the June 2-4, 2004 hearing dates in the above-captioned proceeding can be eliminated in light of the substantially reduced UNE list that the Twenty-First Supplemental Order produced. Verizon believes that it is unlikely that the parties will need the June 2-4 hearing dates, but would like to reserve final judgment until after it has reviewed the testimony filed by the opposing parties on April 16, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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