

April 20, 2004

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *In the Matter of the Review of Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates and Review of the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure*, Docket No. UT-023003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Counsel for Commission Staff notifies the Commission of a conflict on one of the scheduled hearing dates in this docket. Counsel for Commission Staff learned today that she must appear by telephone to argue a motion before the Commissioner of the Washington Supreme Court regarding Verizon Northwest, Inc.'s appeal of the Commission's decision in Docket No. UT-020406. Verizon had requested oral argument. The argument is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2004, and should last approximately 20 minutes.

Counsel for Commission Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accommodate this brief interruption in the hearing.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All parties