

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC., for Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a). )))))))	DOCKET NO. UT-011439 NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (January 22, 2002)
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1 On October 24, 2001, Verizon Northwest, Inc., filed with the Commission a Petition requesting the waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a) regarding extension service to two separate locations in Verizon’s Bridgeport exchange in Okanogan and Douglas Counties. The petition is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not being limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. Rules cited in the petition include WAC 480-120-015, WAC 480-120-071, WAC 480-120-071(2)(a), WAC 480-120-071(7)(a), and WAC 480-120-071(7)(b). In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapter 80.36 RCW, chapter 480-09 WAC, and chapter 480-120 WAC. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the petition.

3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard upon shortened notice.

4 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. In addition, the Commission may consider whether to exercise its authority to prescribe exchange area boundaries pursuant to RCW 80.36.230 and RCW 80.36.240. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

- 6 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- 7 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- 8 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 9 Marjorie Schaer has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- 10 The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquires of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 11 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

January 10, 2002

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