

Before the

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket No. UT-050814

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

AND

MCI, INC.

RESPONSES TO HEARING BENCH REQUESTS

**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PER PROTECTIVE ORDER
IN WUTC DOCKET NO. UT-050814**

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BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

Provide a copy of the 1992 DOJ and FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines.

Response:

The Guidelines are attached. (See WA_BenchRequest1_Attach1_1992 DOJ and FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines)

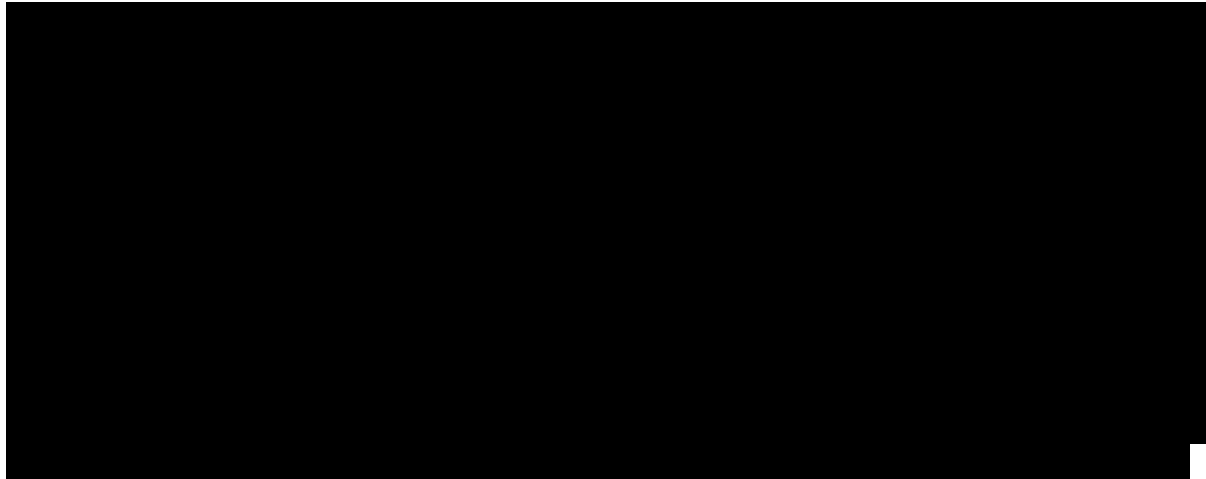
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BENCH REQUEST NO. 2:

Identify the minimum number of competitors serving the number of buildings that MCI serves as discussed by Mr. Beach in Ex. 61, Page 20.

Response:



Of the buildings that are served by Verizon and MCI alone, the DOJ's specific reasons for not requiring IRUs at those buildings are not known but based on the determination of which MSAs are included in the DOJ Proposed Final Judgment and which are not, it is clear that the DOJ did not require IRUs in such circumstances where either or both of the following criteria were met: the buildings are located within a certain proximity to competitive fiber; and demand for special access services at the buildings was such that no IRUs were necessary. In addition, the DOJ did not seek any commitments in situations where Verizon and MCI are the only carriers in 10 or fewer buildings located within an MSA.

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