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Carole Washburn
Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: ***Docket No. UT-040788 – Verizon Late Payment Fee***

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Public Counsel submits these comments in advance of the Commission's February 14, 2008, Open Meeting. In Order 19 of this proceeding, the Commission suspended Verizon Northwest's Late Payment Charge tariff filing and extended the current tariff an additional 90 days in order to allow for further review of the filing. At the November 28, 2007, Open Meeting, the Commission indicated that Staff, Public Counsel, and the Company should work toward resolving their differences and seek to reach an agreed position.

Since Order 19 was issued, Staff, Public Counsel, and the Company have been able to negotiate a compromise acceptable to each party. The new tariff sheets reflecting the compromised position were filed by Verizon on February 6, 2008. The purpose of the letter is to inform the Commission that Public Counsel took part in the negotiations and that it does not oppose Verizon's tariff revisions that are under consideration at the February 14, 2008, Open Meeting. Stefanie Johnson from Public Counsel will be present at the Open Meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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