

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the	)	
Development of Universal	)	DOCKET NO. UT-011219
Terms and Conditions for	)	
Interconnection and Network	)	
Elements to be Provided by	)	EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
	)	
	)	VACATING CURRENT SCHEDULE;
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.	)	ESTABLISHING NEW SCHEDULE
	)	
	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
	)	CONFERENCE
.....	)	<b>(Set for Friday, July 9, 2004)</b>

1     **Proceeding.** This matter involves a request that the Commission direct Verizon to provide persons requesting interconnection agreements with Verizon some generally available terms, and that the Commission review the terms for compliance with pertinent law.

2     **Background.** On September 25, 2003, the active parties to this proceeding filed a joint motion to amend the schedule. The Commission issued a notice requesting that objections from any party to the schedule amendment be filed by October 2, 2003. No party filed an objection.

3     **Appearances.** W. Jeffery Edwards and Meredith B. Miles, attorneys, Richmond, Virginia, represents Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon). Letty S.D. Friesen represents AT&T of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. (AT&T). Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle, WA, represents Fox Communications Corp. (Fox), Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC (Time Warner); and XO Washington, Inc. (XO). Dennis D. Ahlers, attorney, Minneapolis, MN, represents Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon). Michele Singer-Nelson, attorney, Denver, Colorado, represents WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom). Karen J. Johnson, attorney, represents Integra

Telecom of Washington, Inc. (Integra). Gregory Trautman, Assistant Attorney General, represents Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff (Commission Staff).

4 **Discussion.** The parties filed the joint motion because the Commission has convened new proceedings pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's recently issued Triennial Review Order. The parties represented that the effect of the WUTC Triennial Review proceeding on the issues in this case is not known at this time. Efficiency would be served and duplication of effort avoided by allowing the Triennial Review proceedings to precede the parties' final negotiations in this case related to affected portions of Verizon's interconnection agreement. Furthermore, the parties stated that they lack the resources to participate simultaneously in the Triennial Review proceedings and this docket.

5 **Decision.** The issues in the Triennial Review proceeding may have an impact on the issues associated with the general terms of interconnection at issue in this docket. Judicial efficiency would be best served by vacating the current schedule in this case. To avoid delay, a new schedule is established preserving the same time intervals for different segments of the schedule as were agreed upon when the schedule was initially agreed upon. A prehearing conference is also scheduled to allow the parties an opportunity to advise the Commission as to the expected scope of the SGAT as well as to address any other issues that may emerge regarding the schedule or other matters during the interim between now and the prehearing conference date.

The continued schedule is as follows:

Prehearing conference      July 9, 2004

Initial testimony due      August 9, 2004

Response filing due      August 30, 2004

Rebuttal filing due            September 17, 2004  
Prehearing conference        October 14, 2004  
Hearing                            October 18-27, 2004

**ORDER**

6     The Commission vacates the current schedule of proceedings and gives notice of continued proceedings to begin on July 9, 2003.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 7th day of October, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**