

February 1, 2006

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROCESS FOR AWARDS
FROM THE VERIZON PUBLIC PURPOSE FUND
(Due no later than February 28, 2006).**

Re: *In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc., for Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger*
Docket No. UT-050814

TO ALL PARTIES:

During the January 31, 2006 post-hearing conference in this docket, the participating parties agreed to undertake further consultations about process and to explore the possibility of presenting agreed recommendations for procedures, standards, and the structure of awards from the public purpose fund created in the Commission's final order.

Parties agreed to make their submission no later than February 28, 2006. An earlier submission would be welcomed if the parties reach earlier agreement. Individual submissions will be welcome if the parties fail to reach agreement.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That written submissions regarding process for awards from the public purpose fund are due no later than February 28, 2006.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge