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C. Robert Wallis, Administrative Law Judge  
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Re: *WUTC v. Verizon Northwest Inc.*  
Docket No. UT-040788

Dear Judge Wallis:

This letter is sent to advise the Commission and the parties that the Commission Staff is not filing a formal answer today to Verizon's Petition for Interim Rate Increase.

Staff does not believe a formal response is necessary, given the fact that the Commission suspended the interim tariff; that matter has been set for hearing; and a date has been set for any dispositive motions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties

