BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and MCI, INC.

For Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger

DOCKET NO. UT-050814

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO VERIZON'S COMPLIANCE FILINGS (ADVICE NOS. 3187 AND 3188)

Commission Staff has reviewed Verizon Northwest Inc.'s (Verizon NW) February 17, 2006, filing of Advice No. 3187, containing tariff sheets to become part of Verizon NW's General and Local Exchange Tariff, WN U-17. Verizon NW made the filing in compliance with Condition No. 1 in the Commission's Order No. 7 in the above referenced docket dated December 23, 2005. Staff believes that the tariff amendments meet the requirements of Condition No. 1 in the Commission's Order No. 7 and the Commission should enter an order approving the filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-883(4)(a)(i).

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Commission Staff also has also reviewed Verizon NW's February 23, 2006, filing of Advice No. 3188, containing tariff sheets to become part of Verizon NW's Facilities for Intrastate Access Tariff, WN U-16. Verizon NW made this filing in compliance with Condition No. 6 in the Commission's Order No. 7 in the above-referenced docket dated December 23, 2005. Commission Staff believes that that the tariff amendments meet the requirements of Condition No. 6 in the Commission's Order No. 7. Accordingly, the

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883(4)(a)(i).

DATED this 27th day of February 2006.

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