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Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to paragraph 159 of Order No. 7 in Docket No. UT-050814, Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") reports on its progress in connection with VOIP E911 deployment matters:

- 1. On July 13, 2005, Verizon notified providers through an industry letter that Verizon had posted a **VoIP 9-1-1 Guide** on the Verizon Wholesale Web Site to assist providers with the interconnection of 911 and E911 service. A copy of this letter is attached as Attachment A.
- 2. The Verizon **VoIP 9-1-1 Guide** describes how to get an account manager, how to order trunks and facilities, and how to obtain the necessary agreements. The "Overview" of the Guide is reproduced here:
 - 1.3 As with existing wireline and wireless E9-1-1 solutions, Verizon will permit VoIP providers to access 9-1-1 Selective Routers in order to route VoIP end-user 9-1-1 calls. The process which VoIP providers must use to order trunking and facilities to access the Selective Routers is described below. As with existing wireless E9-1-1 solutions, it is anticipated that VoIP providers will make arrangements (directly or through third party providers) to provide ALI information to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) on behalf of its VoIP end-users. Verizon does not currently offer third-party E9-1-1 VoIP database or administrative services. Where Verizon is the host ALI Database Provider, Verizon will make an ALI Database Steering Agreement and ESQK/pANI assignments available to VoIP providers (or their third party providers), as described below.

(The Commission can access the entire Guide at http://www22.verizon.com/wholesale/local/E911/1,21070,,00.html)

3. On September 23, 2005, Verizon posted another industry letter, stressing the importance of evaluating Verizon's ordering intervals in light of the rapidly approaching FCC November 28 deadline for providing E911 service to customers of interconnected VoIP services. Providers were

encouraged to review the VoIP E911 Guide and consult their Account Manager with any questions. A copy of this letter is attached as Attachment B.

4. To date, Verizon has received (and fulfilled) requests for pANIs from three companies. (For a discussion of pANI's, please see the **VoIP 9-1-1 Guide**.) Verizon is not aware of any current dispute with any provider regarding E911 interconnection for VoIP providers in Washington State.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Millar at (360) 236-9727.

Very truly yours,

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