BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,

For an Extension of the 18-Month Requirement to Provide Service

DOCKET UT-020979

ORDER DENYING EXTENSION OF THE SERVICE REQUIREMENT DATE

BACKGROUND

- On July 26, 2002, Verizon Northwest Inc., (Verizon or Company) filed with the Commission a request to extend the 18-month requirement to provide service to two customers on Cecile Creek Road near Loomis in Okanogan County (County) as required in WAC 480-120-071(2).
- 2 Under WAC 480-120-071(2), "Extension of service," the company must provide service within eighteen months after a request is made and the customer makes the initial payment, unless the Commission extends the time on a showing of good cause.

FINDINGS

- Werizon Northwest Inc., is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provision of Chapter 80.36 RCW.
- On July 26, 2002, Verizon Northwest Inc., filed with the Commission a request for extension of the eighteen months in which it is required by WAC 480-120-071 (2) to complete service extensions to two customers in Okanogan County.
- 5 Verizon Northwest Inc., has not shown good cause why the Commission should grant its request to extend the eighteen months under WAC 480-120-071 (2).
- 6 (4) The request of Verizon Northwest Inc., for an extension of the eighteen months in which it is required to provide service should therefore be denied.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

7 The request of Verizon Northwest Inc., filed with the Commission for extension of the eighteen months to provide service under WAC 480-120-071(2) is hereby denied.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner