

April 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: Counsel of Record

Chairman Sidran and Commissioner Oshie asked me to forward copies to you of correspondence they received regarding this matter. The correspondence is from Barbara Dingfield and from Connie Niva to Chairman Sidran and from Ross Rettenmier to Commissioner Oshie.

The communications address the selection of an administrator for the public purpose fund established in this docket. The commissioners understand that in "ordinary" competitions for grants, such communications are common, and they will be given no weight in the selection of an administrator. The correspondence from Ms. Dingfield does not relate to an administrator now under consideration.

The commissioners offer the parties the opportunity to respond as specified in WAC 480-07-310(4). In light of the nature of the correspondence, the commission shortens the ten-day deadline set in the rule and directs that responses or rebuttal to the communications be filed no later than noon on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS  
Administrative Law Judge

Encs.