

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	DOCKET UT-050814
)	
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS)	
INC. AND MCI, INC.)	ORDER 10
)	
For Approval of Agreement and Plan of)	
Merger)	ORDER EXTENDING
)	TIME FOR COMPLIANCE
.....)	(June 30, 2006)

- 1 *Synopsis: The Commission extends for 45 days the time for execution of a contract with the Greater Everett Community Foundation, to administer the public purpose fund.*

- 2 The Commission entered final Order 07 in this docket on December 23, 2005, approving a settlement agreement for a merger between Verizon Communications, Inc., and MCI, Inc. The order directed the creation of a \$1.25 million public purpose fund to mitigate merger effects. The parties later made recommendations regarding the identity of an administrator for the fund and subjects for its activity, which the Commission resolved on May 17, 2006, in Order 09. That order required the execution of a contract for administration of the fund with Greater Everett Community Foundation (GECF) within 30 days after the date of the order.

- 3 GECF subsequently sought clarification from Commission staff of particular provisions in Order 09. Because those discussions are ongoing, GECF anticipates that the contract cannot be completed and executed within the time specified in the order.

- 4 The Commission therefore extends the time until June 30, 2006.

ORDER

The Commission Orders:

- 5 The time for completing and executing a contract for performance of administrator duties is extended until June 30, 2006.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective June 15, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge