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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Ann E. Rendahl
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UT-043013 - Verizon TRO Arbitration

Dear Judge Rendahl:

On Friday, May 7, 2004, Verizon filed a Motion to Hold Proceeding In Abeyance Until June 15, 2004 in this case. In that motion, we stated that the Competitive Carrier Coalition represented by the Swidler Berlin law firm did not oppose the requested stay.

When the motion was originally prepared for filing, that statement was correct; the Competitive Carrier Coalition had advised Verizon that it would not oppose the requested stay. Subsequently, however, the Coalition sought to place conditions on its agreement to refrain from opposing the stay, conditions to which Verizon could not agree. The Competitive Carrier Coalition then withdrew the authorization for Verizon to state that the Coalition would not oppose the requested stay.

We apologize that the motion filed last week did not accurately reflect these subsequent developments. The Competitive Carrier Coalition will, of course, advocate whatever position it believes appropriate in the comments you have called for.

Again, we apologize for any confusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. O'Connell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Timothy J. O'Connell

cc: Service List