BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and MCI, INC.

For Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger

DOCKET NO. UT-050814

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO VERIZON'S COMPLIANCE FILING (ADVICE NO. 3201)

Commission Staff has reviewed Verizon Northwest Inc.'s (Verizon NW) July 25, 2006, filing of Advice No. 3201, containing tariff sheets to become part of Verizon NW's General and Local Exchange Tariff, WN U-17 (as subsequently amended with slip sheets filed by Verizon on August 3, 2006, and August 9, 2006). Verizon NW made the filing in compliance with Condition No. 2 in the Commission's Order No. 7 in the above-referenced docket, dated December 23, 2005. Staff believes that the tariff amendments meet the requirements of Condition No. 2 in the Commission's Order No. 7 and the Commission should enter an order approving the filing in accordance with WAC 480-07-883(4)(a)(i).

DATED this 14th day of August 2006.

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