

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-061298
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
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For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-061464
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
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For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-061821
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	CONFERENCE
)	(Set for January 26, 2007, 9:30 a.m.)
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1 Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) on August 11, 2006, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Docket UT-061298 a petition for a waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(b) with regard to extending service to five separate locations (Bush, Platt/Hussey, Pitsker, Impero and Connan) in Verizon’s Molson-Chesaw and Tonasket Exchanges.¹

¹ Verizon filed amended petitions in Docket UT-061298 on October 27, November 30, and December 12, 2006.

- 2 Verizon on September 15, 2006, filed with the Commission in Docket UT-061464 a petition for a waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(b) with regard to extending service to Tamalyn Lively in Verizon's Tonasket Exchange.
- 3 On December 13, 2006, the Commission entered Order 01 bifurcating the petition in Docket UT-061298 and setting only the Bush application for service in the Molson-Chesaw exchange for hearing in Docket UT-061298. The Commission opened Docket UT-061821 to consider the applications for service for the Platt/Hussey, Pitsker, Impero and Connan locations in the Tonasket exchange. The Commission set those matters for hearing in Docket UT-061821.
- 4 Verizon filed a request on January 5, 2007, to withdraw its petition for waiver with respect to the applications that are the subject of Docket UT-061821. Verizon's request to withdraw will be considered at the prehearing conference scheduled by this notice.
- 5 On December 27, 2006, the Commission entered Order 01 in Docket UT-061464 setting that matter for hearing.
- 6 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over these matters under Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to these matters include chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW and 80.36 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020. The rules that apply to these matters include those within chapter 480-120 WAC, relating to telecommunications.
- 7 The Commission will hear these matters under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to these proceedings include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in chapter 480-07 WAC in these proceedings.
- 8 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear these matters on shortened notice. *See WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).*

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission will hold a prehearing conference in these matters at 9:30 a.m., on January 26, 2007, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

10 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider any requests for intervention, to resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceedings including the option of consolidation, and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving this matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

11 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See WAC 480-07-355(a)*. The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See WAC 480-07-345(2)*. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

12 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of these proceedings, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allow the Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.**

13 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 14 Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 15 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 11, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Docket : _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____