BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements Transport and Termination, and Resale	)	DOCKET NO. UT-960369
In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements Transport and Termination, and Resale for U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	DOCKET NO. UT-960370
In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements Transport and Termination, and Resale for GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED	)	DOCKET NO. UT-960371

REPORT TO WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ON BEHALF OF

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.

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Pursuant to paragraph 66 of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's ("Commission") Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Order in Docket Nos. UT-960369 et al, Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") submits the following report detailing the modifications that are being made to its Operation Support Systems ("OSS") to support distance sensitive measurements.

STATUS OF LOOP QUALIFICATION AND VERIFICATION PROGRAM

As a result of the FCC UNE Remand Order, Verizon developed the Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification Program that was made available to Competitive Local Exchange Carriers ("CLECs") on May 17, 2000. The purpose of developing this program was to ensure that CLECs obtain the same loop make-up detail that Verizon obtains for its internal retail operations in order for the CLEC to make an independent judgment about whether a loop is capable of supporting advanced services. This information includes all data necessary to assess whether a loop is capable of carrying DSL service, such as the wire type and gauge, loop length, and the presence of bridge taps, and load coils. Also in compliance with the FCC Remand Order, Verizon provided, on a nondiscriminatory basis, an electronic method of obtaining loop data formatted in accordance with the Ordering Billing Forum ("OBF") guidelines. These guidelines establish an accepted industry standard format for parameters and data sets for loop qualification. CLECs currently have access to this loop qualification information via the Wholesale Internet Service Engine ("WISE") Graphical User Interface ("GUI").

The CLEC requests a Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification utilizing the WISE interface. The CLEC enters either a working Verizon telephone number or a valid

address served by Verizon. WISE interfaces with a report generation program which in turn accesses several different existing Verizon systems including Verizon's facility record database, engineering records, maintenance testing system and Verizon's switches to obtain the required loop qualification data. This data is compiled by the report generator and returned to WISE. WISE then formats this data into the OBF format and posts this report to the WEB for a CLEC to access and view. The OBF format provides fields for the following data to be provided to the CLEC's requesting a Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification:

1. NPA and NXX;
2. Local Termination CLLI;
3. Existence of a pair gain or DLC and if present, the type;
4. Existence of Digital Added Main Line ("DAML") in the loop;
5. Type of loop length provided (Actual records or electrical measurement);
6. Loop length;
7. Loop length by gauge of cable;
8. Type of any load coils;
9. Quantity of load coils;
10. Location of load coils;
11. Quantity of bridge taps;
12. Location of bridge taps;
13. Length of bridge taps;
14. Type and number of disturbers in the feeder cable of the loop;
15. Type and number of disturbers in the distribution cable of the loop;

16. Composition of the feeder and distribution cables; and

17. Wire center name.

Verizon will continue to updates its Verizon's Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification Program as OBF standards are revised. In addition, Verizon is continuing to develop other enhancements to this program, including an Electronic Data Interface ("EDI") to allow CLEC's near real–time access to this data. This enhancement is expected to be completed by the end of this year. It should be noted that the Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification Program does not develop linkages between its loop data inventory system and Verizon's billing system in order to bill distance sensitive loop rates. Verizon has not estimated the cost for such an enhancement.

The estimated cost associated with Verizon's Mechanized Loop Qualification and Verification Program, including the EDI enhancement mentioned above, is approximately $ 3.4 million on a nationwide basis (former GTE service territories only). This cost estimate is not included in the amount of OSS enhancements that Verizon is currently seeking recovery for in Phase A of Docket No. UT-003013.