

October 30, 2006

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE ANSWER
(By Monday, November 13, 2006)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc., for Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger*
Docket No. UT-050814

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received a filing from Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) on October 23, 2006, in this docket. Order 07 in Docket UT-050814 directs Verizon to provide a summary of any plan it might have for conducting its merged operations in Washington. Parties who wish to respond to the filing must do so no later than November 13, 2006.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That answers to Verizon's filing will be received if filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2006.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge