

November 14, 2006

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO ANSWER  
(By Monday, November 20, 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 were given until November 13, 2006, to file an answer. The Commission received answers from Commission Staff and Public Counsel on November 13, 2006.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN That responses to Commission Staff and Public Counsel's answer to Verizon's filing will be received if filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2006. Given the shortened time for responses, parties may submit responses with the Commission electronically or via facsimile pursuant to WAC 480-07-145(6) and file paper copies the next business day.**

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS  
Administrative Law Judge