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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: *Verizon/MCI Merger*
Docket No. UT-050814

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 20 copies of Commission Staff's Response to Public Counsel's Answer to Verizon's October 20, 2006, filing, and Certificate of Service. If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 664-1225.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
cc: parties



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

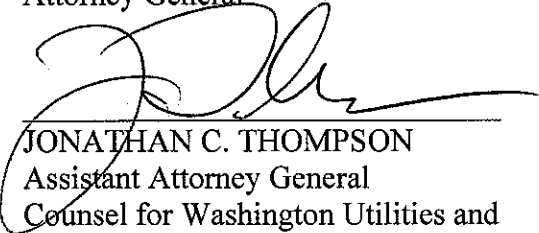
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COMMISSION STAFF'S
RESPONSE

1 Having reviewed Public Counsel's answer to Verizon's October 20, 2006, filing (regarding its summary of plans for post merger operations), Staff agrees that the Commission should require Verizon to supplement its filing to provide answers to the questions set out in paragraph 10 of Public Counsel's answer. Staff does not believe, however, that it is necessary to initiate a complaint proceeding to reevaluate MCI's competitive classification status. There does not appear to be any evidence that Verizon is using the competitively classified status of the former MCI subsidiaries to circumvent Verizon's tariffs.

DATED this 20th day of November 2006.

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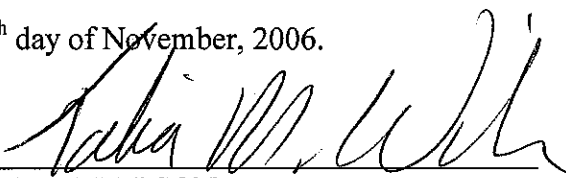


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Docket No. UT-050814
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I served the attached document upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List by depositing a copy of said document in the United States mail, addressed as shown on said Service List, with first class postage prepaid.

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