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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
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Re: Docket No. UT-023003
Request for Extension of Time

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Verizon respectfully requests additional time to respond to MCI WorldCom's proposal regarding participation in time and motion studies. Verizon did not receive MCI WorldCom's proposal until Friday, February 14, and the snow storm in the East has impaired Verizon's ability to respond expeditiously.

Moreover, Verizon joins Qwest's request for an extension of time. As Qwest explained, at the February 6, 2003 prehearing conference, the Administrative Law Judges indicated their intention to issue a prehearing conference order that would explain the Commission's view of the appropriate scope of time and motion studies and directed any interested parties to submit proposals regarding time and motion studies by February 14, with Qwest and Verizon to respond to those proposals by February 21.

Verizon, like Qwest, needs additional time to respond MCI WorldCom's February 14 proposal. Verizon therefore joins Qwest's request for an extension of Verizon's response date to seven (7) days after the Commission issues its prehearing conference order. Verizon thanks the Commission for its consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Ronis

cc: All Parties (via e-mail and U.S. Mail)