

September 10, 2009

Maddy Metzger Utt
Executive Director
Greater Everett Community Foundation
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Everett, Washington 98206

RE: Disposition of Remainder of Verizon/MCI Merger Public Purposes Fund

Dear Ms. Metzger Utt:

This letter is to authorize the transfer of the remaining funds in the Verizon/MCI Merger Public Purpose Fund to the Greater Everett Community Foundation's (GEFC's) Community Grant Fund.

As you recall, on July 14, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) entered into a fund agreement with Verizon Northwest (Verizon) and the GEFC under which the GEFC administers the fund described in Order 07 of Docket UT-050814.

The fund agreement, as amended September 20, 2007, directs GEFC to expend all funds by August 15, 2009. If funds are remaining after that date, the agreement directs GEFC to deposit them in a separate interest-bearing account and maintain them until the UTC consults with Verizon, the Office of Public Counsel and Commission Staff regarding their distribution. You notified us that of the \$1.25 million fund, only \$614.00 remains unspent and now resides in a separate account as required by the agreement.

On September 9, 2009, representatives of Verizon, GEFC, and Public Counsel met by conference call and agreed that the remaining \$614.00 should be transferred to the Community Grant Fund to be used for purposes you deem consistent with the purposes of the Public Purpose Fund. William Weinman, UTC Assistant Director for Telecommunications, did not participate in the conference call but concurs in the decision.

Thank you for your continuing good work. We look forward to seeing the final report.

Sincerely,

David W. Danner
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Milt Doumit, Verizon Northwest
Mary Kimball, Office of Public Counsel
William Weinman, UTC