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The Honorable Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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**Docket No. UT-003013 Part B – Continuance of Filing Date for Part B Compliance Filings**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Verizon Northwest Inc. (“Verizon NW”), by counsel, requests a continuance of the filing date for compliance filings in Part B of this proceeding. Concurrent with this request, Verizon NW is filing a motion for reconsideration and clarification of the Commission’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Order (“Part B Order”) addressing several modifications required by the Commission to Verizon NW’s loop conditioning, non-recurring cost studies, and ICM. The required modifications affect all of the proposed rates filed by Verizon NW in Part B of this proceeding, and thus Verizon NW cannot separate contested rates from uncontested rates in its compliance filings as contemplated by the Part B Order. Moreover, Verizon NW is unable to make some of the modifications ordered by the Commission absent clarification. Other modifications cannot be made without significant changes to ICM, and Verizon NW has been unable to determine the amount of time necessary to make these changes.

For the foregoing reasons, Verizon NW requests that the Commission continue the filing date for Part B compliance filings until it issues its order on reconsideration and clarification. Within five business days of that order, Verizon NW will inform the Commission of the amount of time required to make any modifications to its cost studies required, and the Commission can set a filing date that the Company can realistically meet.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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