

[Service Date July 2, 2002]

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**NOTICE POSTPONING TIME FOR VERIZON TO SUBMIT COMPLIANCE FILINGS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE;
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COMMENTS
(July 12, 2002)**

RE: In the Matter of the Continued Costing and Pricing of Unbundled
Network Elements and Transport and Termination
Docket No. UT-003013

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On July 2, 2002, Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon"), requested a continuance of the filing date for the company's compliance filings in Part B of this proceeding. Concurrent with its request, Verizon filed a motion for reconsideration and clarification of the Commission's 32nd Supplemental Order ("Part B Order") addressing several modifications required by the Commission to Verizon's loop conditioning, non-recurring cost studies, and ICM. According to Verizon, the required modifications affect all of the proposed rates filed by Verizon in Part B of this proceeding, and thus Verizon cannot separate contested rates from uncontested rates in its compliance filings as contemplated by the Part B Order. Verizon also contends that it is unable to make some of the modifications ordered by the Commission absent clarification.

Verizon requests that the Commission continue the filing date for the company's Part B compliance filings until the Commission enters an order on reconsideration and clarification. Verizon proposes to inform the Commission of the amount of time required to make any modifications to its cost studies within five business days of that pending order. The Commission grants Verizon's request to postpone the filing date for the company's compliance filings on an interim basis in order to receive additional information in this matter. The Commission invites other parties to comment on Verizon's proposal no later than July 12, 2002.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary