

December 30, 2004

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
VIA CONFERENCE BRIDGE
(Wednesday, January 5, 2005)**

RE: In the Matter of the Review of Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates and
Review of the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure
Docket No. UT-023003

TO ALL PARTIES:

The Commission continues to deliberate on the issues in this case. To complete its deliberations it requires results of runs of the Verizon cost model. The Commission's consultant has been unable, based on information and instructions available to date, to complete those model runs and to derive the information the Commission requires. The barriers to completion of the runs are of an intermittent nature, arising as he performs the tasks necessary to run the model. This information cannot be provided in one response to a Bench Request, but rather requires that knowledgeable Verizon staff be available to answer the consultant's questions as he encounters problems during work with the cost model.

To facilitate an open process allowing all parties access to the same information, the Commission will make available its conference bridge on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. On that date, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, the Commission's consultant and Verizon will begin discussions on the Commission's bridge line and remain on the line all day, or until all the consultant's questions are answered. Any party wishing to call in to the bridge line should contact Kippi Walker (360-664-1139) or Margret Kaech (360-664-1140) to indicate that they will be doing so and to be sure that there are enough slots on the line to accommodate all who wish to participate. The conference bridge number is 360-664-3846.

I will be available at 360-664-1285 during the day, in the event questions arise that require consultations with or rulings from the bench.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge