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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST VIA CONFERENCE BRIDGE
(Set for January 14, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. and January 19, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.)

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 THE 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 **Friday, January 14, 2005**. On that date, at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time, the Commission's consultant and Verizon will begin discussions on the Commission's bridge line and remain on the line until all the consultant's questions are answered. C. Robert Wallis, Director of the Administrative Law Division, will convene the conference call and be available in the event that questions arise during the session. In addition, the Commission will convene a further opportunity on **Wednesday, January 19, 2005** at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time, if necessary, to allow the Commission's consultant to obtain further information about Verizon's models.

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 ports on the line to accommodate all who wish to participate. The conference bridge number is 360-664-3846.

To assist Verizon in providing information during the conference call on January 14, 2004, the Commission poses the following questions related to: the EDT Container Program and the associated *.csv transfer files used to create IOF_ELEMENTS tables; and the element loading runs necessary to complete the list of BC runs referenced in page 1 of Verizon's response to BR 30. [See: "IOF_HiCap instructions in response to bench request 30.doc"]

Question 1

Are the "BC Run(s) (feeder BCs) that are used by the IOF/HiCap BC families, e.g., Loop BC Runs" referenced on page 1 of "IOF_HiCap instructions in response to bench request 30.doc" the BC runs created in Step 7 of Verizon's "VzLoop / VzCost Loop Study Checklist" shown below? If the answer is no please explain how to create the necessary BC Runs.

Step 7 – Produce Two “Feeder Loop” BC Runs (one for IOF, one for HiCap)

Purpose – provide unit outside plant investments to IOF/HiCap team for downstream BC Runs

BC Families –

IOF_OSP_V7, HICAP_OSP_V7

Input Tables (Data Versions) –

LOOP_1224 – the Loop Element Loading Run (produced in Step 5)

IOF_CONSTANTS_VALUE – the Loop Constants Table (produced in Step 4)

Output –

BC Run – handed-off to the IOF/HiCap team

Question 2

The Commission requests clarification of the instructions in Verizon's amended response to BR 22 [See: "IOF_Fill_AdjustInst(amend).doc"] as we were unable to create IOF and HiCap IOF_ELEMENTS tables consistent with those used in Verizon's initial filing.

Question 3

The Commission also anticipates follow up questions regarding posting all of the necessary BC runs to the appropriate filing so that the filing can be re-run.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge