

August 14, 2006

To: Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon)

From: Bob Shirley, Telecommunications Policy Analyst
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Re: Request for Supplemental Filing of ETC Certifications and Reports
Docket UT-063052

- - VIA Electronic Mail - -

After review of Verizon's ETC certification and reports, commission staff has concluded that the filing is inconsistent with the requirements of WAC 480-123-020 through 080. Please file a replacement or supplement consistent with the attachment to this e-mail.

Certifications are due to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company not later than October 1. Commission staff plans to request commission approval of certifications at the open meeting scheduled for September 13. In order to make a recommendation on September 13, commission staff will need to receive replacement or supplemental filings not later than August 22. Commission staff will work closely with Verizon and its representatives so that filings can be completed not later than August 22.

Please contact me by e-mail at bshirley@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1292 if you have questions. Thank you.

Attachment: ETC Certification and Report Request

cc: Records Center, UT-063052

ATTACHMENT

Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) ETC Certification and Report Request

WAC 480-123-060(1)

Verizon did not request certification by the WUTC to the Federal Communications Commission.

Verizon is not required to request this certification. Verizon may do so if it chooses to do so. If Verizon chooses to do so, the rule requires that each “ETC must-certify that it will use federal high-cost universal service fund support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended. The certification must be submitted by a company officer in the manner required by RCW 9A.72.085.”

WAC 480-123-070

Verizon needs to provide its certifications in the manner required by RCW 9A.72.085.

Verizon’s certifications do not include the language required by RCW 9A.72.085. The certification or declaration may be in substantially the following form:

"I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct":

(Date and Place)

(Signature)

WAC 480-123-070(7)

Verizon needs to certify that it publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs to residents of federally-recognized Indian reservations.

Verizon did not certify that it publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs to residents of federally-recognized Indian reservations. The rule requires that each ETC “certify it has publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs, such as Lifeline in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service, including residents of federally-recognized Indian reservations within the ETC’s designated service area.”