

August 20, 2002

**NOTICE OF ORDER CONFERENCE TO CLARIFY VERIZON'S
PART B COMPLIANCE FILING
(September 9, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.)**

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

TO THE PARTIES:

The Commission's Thirty-Second Supplemental Order – Part B Order – was entered June 21, 2002. On July 2, 2002, Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon"), requested a continuance of the filing date for the company's compliance filings required by the Part B Order. According to Verizon, certain revisions to the company's Integrated Cost Model ("ICM") cannot be made without significant effort and time. The Commission granted Verizon's request in order to receive additional information regarding this matter. Other parties were invited to submit written comments.

Written comments were received and the parties further discussed this issue at a joint prehearing conference convened in Part E of this proceeding and Docket No. UT-023003 (the "new generic case"). Verizon represented that it may take up to nine months in order for the company to make revisions to the ICM as required by the Part B Order. Verizon offered to make company personnel available to clarify the need for such an extraordinary length of time to comply with the requirements of the Part B Order. Verizon also stated its intent to rely on the ICM in the new generic case.

Numerous relevant issues remain open pursuant to petitions for reconsideration filed by the parties in the Part B proceeding. The Commission on its own motion schedules a conference in order to further clarify the Part B Order pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(5).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That an order conference will be convened at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2002, in the Commission's Main Hearing Room, second floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purpose of the conference is to clarify requirements in the Part B Order that Verizon make revisions to the ICM in compliance filings. Verizon must make available company personnel to answer clarifying questions by the Commission and other parties. The Commission requests that parties in preparation for the conference review filings made by GTE NW, Qwest, and Sprint in Docket No.

UT-960369 regarding modifications to the BCPM and HAI cost models to reflect measured loop lengths. Parties also should review UT-960369, 8th Supplemental Order, paragraph 224, and

Docket No. UT-980311, 10th Supplemental Order, paragraphs 183 and 266-67, and be prepared to discuss whether similar revisions could be made to Verizon's ICM.

If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary