

August 14, 2002

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Petition of Verizon Northwest, Inc. for Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a),
Docket No. UT-011439

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On August 6, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Respond to Verizon's request to suspend the 18-month line extension construction requirement and requested parties to respond by August 16, 2002.

While Staff does not agree with the statement in Verizon's Amended Petition for Waiver that the Taylors initially requested service on December 7, 2001, Staff does not object to the suspension of the 18-month construction period for the locations at issue in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties