BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Review of:)	DOCKET NO. UT-023003
Unbundled Loop and Switching)	
Rates; the Deaveraged Zone Rate)	
Structure; and Unbundled Network)	THIRTY-FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL
Elements, Transport, and)	ORDER APPROVING REVISED
Termination (Recurring Costs))	COMPLIANCE FILING AND
)	ALLOWING RATES TO GO INTO
)	EFFECT

- SYNOPSIS: The Commission accepts and approves Verizon's revised compliance filing and allows the rates in Verizon's revised compliance filing to go into effect December 1, 2005.
- PROCEEDING. Docket No. UT-023003 (cost docket) is a proceeding to review recurring costs and rates for unbundled network element (UNE) loops, switches, transport, and termination, and to review the deaveraged zone rate structure for loops.
- APPEARANCES. Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon), by Catherine Ronis, attorney, Washington, D.C.; Qwest Corporation (Qwest) by Lisa Anderl, attorney, Seattle, Washington; AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. (AT&T), Pac-West, Inc. (Pac-West), and XO Washington, Inc. (XO), by Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle, Washington; MCI/WorldCom (MCI) by Michel Singer-Nelson, attorney, Denver, Colorado; Covad Communications Company (Covad), by Karen Frame, attorney, Denver, Colorado; WeBTEC, by Arthur Butler, attorney, Seattle, Washington; Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon), by Dennis Ahlers, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Commission Staff, by Gregory J. Trautman, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington.

- 4 **COMPLIANCE FILINGS.** The Commission entered its 24th Supplemental Order on February 9, 2005, its 27th Supplemental Order on June 10, 2005, and its 28th Supplemental Order on August 17, 2005. In these Orders we determined recurring cost rates for Verizon's unbundled network elements and required Verizon to file tariff sheets consistent with the terms of the Orders.
- On September 27, 2005, Verizon filed Advice No. 3160 in compliance with the Commission's Orders. Commission Staff reviewed the filing and responded with a number of concerns. The Commission reviewed the filing and Staff's response and entered its 30th Supplemental Order requiring Verizon to revise the compliance filing and provide further documentation of its calculations.
- On November 7, 2005 Verizon filed revisions to Advice 3160 and further documentation as required by the Commission. Staff reviewed Verizon's revised filing and the additional documentation and recommended that the Commission enter an order allowing Advice 3160, as amended by Verizon, to go into effect.
- COMMISSION ACTION. We have reviewed Verizon's amended filing and Staff's response. We conclude that the amended filing complies with our rate-setting Orders and that the rates contained in the revised Advice should be allowed to go into effect.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Verizon's rates contained in revised Advice 3160, filed on November 7, 2005, will become effective as filed, with an effective date of December 1, 2005.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 21st day of November, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner