

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UT-011439
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
)	
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a).)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE
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1 **Synopsis:** *The Commission grants Verizon’s motion for an extension of the date for completion of line extension construction requests associated with this proceeding.*

2 **Proceedings:** Docket No. UT-011439 is a petition by Verizon Northwest, Inc., (Verizon), seeking a waiver or an exemption from WAC 480-120-071, regarding extending service to two separate locations in Verizon’s Bridgeport exchange in Okanogan and Douglas Counties.

3 **Appearances.** Judith Endejan, Graham & Dunn, Seattle, Washington, represents Verizon Northwest, Inc. Gregory Trautman, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission Staff or Staff). Robert Cromwell, Assistant Attorney General, represents the Office of Public Counsel. Douglas N. Owens represents Qwest Corporation. Elizabeth Kohler, David LaFuria and Richard Busch, attorneys, represent RCC.

4 **Background.** On July 22, 2002, Verizon filed a Motion for Extension of Service Extension Completion Date. Verizon’s motion stated that WAC 480-120-071(2)(a) requires that a service extension must be completed within 18 months after a request for service is made and the customer makes an initial payment. This portion of the rule also allows an extension of the 18-month period if good cause is shown.

5 Verizon’s Amended Petition shows that service requests underlying the waiver petition were made on June 15, 2001 and December 7, 2001, respectively. The Commission approved the current schedule of proceedings, calling for hearing in January, 2003, to accommodate the addition of two parties to the case, Qwest and RCC, and to allow for a full development of the record, since this is a case of first impression. Verizon contends that based on this schedule, it may not be possible for

it to meet the 18-month construction requirement and requests a suspension of the requirement until the Commission has resolved the issues in the case.

6 On August 6, 2002, the Commission served a Notice of Opportunity , requesting all parties to respond by August 16, 2002 whether they objected to Verizon's motion.

7 No party objected to the granting of the motion.

ORDER

8 The Commission grants Verizon an extension of the date for completion of line extensions associated with this case until the Commission rules on the merits of the waiver request.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this ____ day of August, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.