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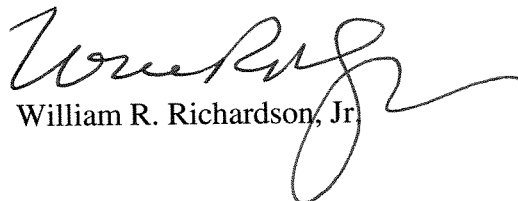
**Re: WUTC Docket Nos. UT-023003 and UT-033034
Response to Joint Motion to Exclude Qwest Rate Issues**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find an original and seventeen (17) copies of Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Response to the Joint Motion to Exclude Qwest Rate Issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


William R. Richardson, Jr.

Enclosures
cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**In the Matter of the Review of:)
Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates;)
the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure; and)
Unbundled Network Elements,)
Transport and Termination)
(Recurring Costs))**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 3rd day of November 2003, served Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Response to the Joint Motion to Exclude Qwest Rate Issues upon all parties of record in this proceeding by Federal Express and by e-mail:

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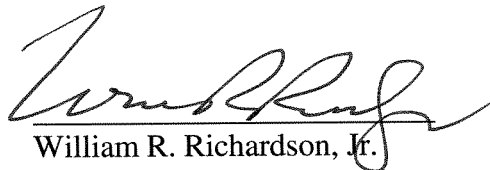
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