

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-061298
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
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For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-061464
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	ORDER 02 CONSOLIDATING
)	PROCEEDINGS AND
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL
)	SCHEDULE
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- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.** On August 11, 2006, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Docket UT-061298 a petition for a waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(b) with regard to extending service to five separate locations (Bush, Platt/Hussey, Pitsker, Impero and Connan) in Verizon’s Molson-Chesaw and Tonasket Exchanges, respectively.¹
- 2 On September 15, 2006, Verizon filed in Docket UT-061464 a petition for a waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(b) with regard to extending service to Tamalyn Lively in Verizon’s Tonasket Exchange.
- 3 On December 13, 2006, the Commission entered Order 01 bifurcating the petition in Docket UT-061298 and setting only the Bush application for service in the Molson-Chesaw exchange for hearing in Docket UT-061298. The Commission opened Docket UT-061821 to consider the applications for service for the Platt/Hussey,

¹ Verizon filed amended petitions in Docket UT-061298 on October 27, November 30, and December 12, 2006.

Pitsker, Impero and Connan locations in the Tonasket exchange. The Commission set those matters for hearing in Docket UT-061821.

4 Verizon filed a request on January 5, 2007, to withdraw its petition for waiver with respect to the applications that are the subject of Docket UT-061821. The presiding officer considered at prehearing and granted Verizon's request to withdraw its petition in Docket UT-061821. The basis for allowing Verizon to withdraw its petition is discussed in a separate order entered today in Docket UT-061821.

5 **CONFERENCE.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on January 26, 2007, before Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss.

6 **APPEARANCES.** Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's Regulatory Staff (Staff). Thomas F. Dixon, Verizon's Assistant General Counsel Northwest Region, Denver, Colorado, represents his company.

7 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** No one petitioned to intervene in these proceedings.

8 **PROTECTIVE ORDER.** The parties did not request a protective order. Should the need arise, either party may file a motion seeking entry of a protective order.

9 **DISCOVERY.** The parties will conduct discovery in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules in WAC 480-07.

10 **CONSOLIDATION.** The parties agree that these petitions raise common issues of law and policy. Verizon expects to use the same witnesses in both dockets, as does Staff. The Commission finds consolidation of these proceedings for purposes of hearing will promote judicial economy and best utilize the parties' resources. Accordingly, the Commission orders that dockets UT-061298 and UT-061464 are consolidated as provided in WAC 480-07-320.

11 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The parties agreed on a procedural schedule during the conference. The Commission adopts this procedural schedule, which is attached to this Order as Appendix B.

- 12 **NOTICE OF HEARING.** The Commission will hold an evidentiary hearing in this matter beginning **Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Commission's hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.²
- 13 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file an original plus seven (7) copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines in WAC 480-07-395 and WAC 480-07-460. The Commission prefers that materials be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.
- 14 All filings must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.
- 15 An electronic copy of all filings must be provided through the Commission's Web Portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail delivery to records@wutc.wa.gov. Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette or CD including the filed document(s). Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Parties must follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files.
- 16 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Pursuant to WAC 480-07-145(6), the presiding officer may grant parties a one-day extension of the paper-filing requirement, allowing electronic submission of documents with the Commission on the deadline stated in the procedural schedule. Parties may only submit documents electronically with the Commission in this proceeding with the presiding officer's permission. **The presiding officer grants permission for the parties to submit their briefs electronically.** Parties must electronically submit their documents through the Commission's Web Portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail to records@wutc.wa.gov, and file an original and seven (7) copies of the document with the Commission by the following business day. Finally, to perfect filing, parties must

² Facilities are reserved for two days.

provide courtesy copies of electronic submissions to the presiding administrative law judge and the parties to the proceeding, and must meet the Commission's requirements for service on all parties on the first business day following electronic submission.

- 17 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1142.
- 18 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 30, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES
DOCKETS UT-061298 and UT-061464
(Consolidated)

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APPENDIX B
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKETS UT-061298 and UT-061464

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Prehearing conference	Friday 1/26/07	
Settlement conference	Tuesday 2/27	
Status conference	Wednesday 2/28	1 day
Verizon prefiled testimony	Wednesday 3/21	3 weeks from status conf.
Responsive evidence	Friday 4/20	4 weeks
Verizon rebuttal evidence	Friday 5/11	3 weeks
File cross exhibit list	Friday 5/18	1 week
Hearing	Tuesday 5/22 and Wednesday 5/23	
Opening brief(s) ³	Friday 6/22	4 weeks
Answering brief(s)	Friday 7/13	3 weeks
Reply brief(s), if requested	Friday 7/27	2 weeks

³ The presiding officer has given the parties leave to submit their briefs electronically on the dates indicated. Filing must be perfected the following business day as required by the terms of this order and the Commission's procedural rules at WAC 480-07-145.