January 24, 2003

Marjorie Schaer Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

> Re: *AT&T v. Verizon*, Docket No. UT-020406 Request for continuance of rebuttal testimony until February 7, 2003

Dear Judge Schaer:

The Commission Staff respectfully requests a one-week continuance of the filing date for Commission Staff's rebuttal testimony. The Commission Staff intends to offer the testimony of Betty Erdahl in rebuttal. Ms. Erdahl has been out of the office due to a death in her family. An additional week should cause no additional changes to the procedural schedule.

I contacted counsel regarding this request yesterday afternoon. Public Counsel and WorldCom have no objection. I have not received a response from counsel for Verizon or AT&T.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties