

November 27, 2002

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR VERIZON TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS
AND FOR OTHER PARTIES TO FILE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
(December 6 and 13, 2002, respectively)**

RE: In the Matter of the Continued Costing and Pricing of Unbundled
Network Elements and Transport and Termination
Docket No. UT-003013

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On November 14, 2002, Verizon Northwest, Inc., filed Advice No. 3059 containing tariff sheets to become part of WN U-21. These filings are made in compliance with the 32nd Supplemental Order dated June 21, 2002 ("Part B Order") and the 38th Supplemental Order dated September 26, 2002 ("Part B Reconsideration Order"), both in Docket No. UT-003013. The Part B Order, at paragraph 61, required Verizon to establish interim nonrecurring rates for loop conditioning based on Qwest's loop conditioning work times. Verizon was allowed to increase Qwest's distance sensitive work time estimates by a ratio of 17:13 to reflect Verizon's longer loop lengths.

On November 22, 2002, Commission Staff filed response comments to Verizon's compliance filing. Commission Staff recommends that the Commission reject, in part, Advice No. 3059 because Verizon's proposed nonrecurring rates apply the 17:13 ratio to all loop conditioning work times and because Verizon fails to state a separate rate for conditioning additional loops as was established for Qwest.

The Commission invites Verizon to reply to Commission Staff's comments regarding Advice No. 3059 no later than December 6, 2002. Other parties may file additional comment on Verizon's reply comments no later than December 13, 2002.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary