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Ms. Carole Washburn
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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**Re: AT&T Communications of the Northwest v. Verizon Northwest Inc.
Docket No. UT-020406**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The undersigned, as counsel for Verizon Northwest Inc. (“Verizon”), received a Notice of Change in Filing Date for Rebuttal Testimony on the afternoon of January 27, 2003. This notice changed the filing date for the rebuttal testimony until February 7, 2003, apparently for all parties. The filing date was moved at the request of Commission Staff to request a one-week continuance, which Verizon does not oppose. However, no other party (AT&T or Public Counsel) requested the Commission to extend the filing date for the filing of their rebuttal testimony. Verizon respectfully requests the Commission to restore the original filing date for all parties except for Commission Staff to this Friday, January 31, 2003. The reason Verizon seeks this is that it anticipates that it will need to move for permission to file surrebuttal testimony to respond to the rebuttal testimony of the other parties. Therefore, Verizon needs to see the testimony of the other parties as soon as possible in order to make this motion. It will be prejudiced if it does not receive all of the parties’ testimony until February 7, 2003, given the hearing date set for March 3, 2003.

Therefore, Verizon requests the Commission to issue a corrected Notice of Change in Filing Date for Rebuttal Testimony to extend the date only for the testimony of Commission Staff.

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Very truly yours,

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