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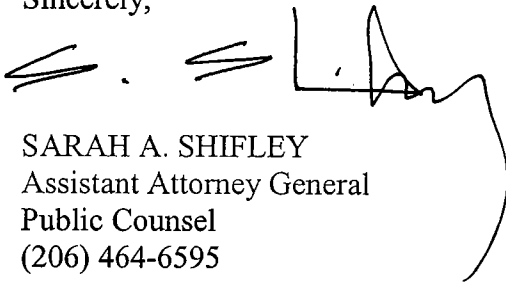
Re: Public Notice Report
In re Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. And Frontier Communications Corporation (Docket No. UT-090842)

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to Appendix C of the Prehearing Conference Order (Order No. 2), Public Counsel files this letter to report on the status of public notice in this docket. Verizon, Public Counsel, and the UTC Consumer Protection and Communication office have conferred, reviewed and commented on drafts, and have reached agreement on the format and content of a notice to be inserted in customer bills prior to the public comment hearings (see attached). The above participants have authorized Public Counsel to file this status report with the Commission.

It is our understanding that the notice will be provided to Verizon customers as a bill stuffer in regular monthly bills during billing cycles on or about August 12, 2009, through September 15, 2009. As shown in the attachment, the notice contains 10 point Myriad font, is 4" x 6.5" in size, and consists of one panel with text on both sides. It will be provided in two-tones (instead of black and white as it appears in the attachment).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Service List (First Class Mail & E-mail)



IMPORTANT NOTICE
**PROPOSED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP
AND OPERATION OF VERIZON NORTHWEST**

Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) has asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve the transfer of ownership and operation of Verizon Northwest (Verizon NW) to Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier).

In Washington, Verizon NW serves approximately 578,000 customer access lines. If the transfer is approved, Frontier would provide local and long distance wireline telephone service to these customers. The companies are not proposing changes to regulated rates or services of those customers affected by this proposal. The transfer is subject to several conditions, including approval by Frontier's stockholders and various state and federal regulatory authorities.

Review by the Utilities and Transportation Commission

The transfer of ownership is subject to the approval of the UTC. The UTC has opened a formal case to review evidence about whether the transfer is in the public interest. Issues to be reviewed may include service quality, infrastructure investment, financial and operational soundness, and customers' rates.

The UTC encourages your comments, which are part of the formal record considered by the UTC in making its decision. Customers may comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the UTC's website: www.utc.wa.gov/comment, by email at: comments@utc.wa.gov, by telephone at: 1-888-333-9882 (toll-free), or in writing at:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attn: Public Involvement, Docket No. UT-090842
Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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You may also contact the UTC if you have questions about its approval process. For more information about the transaction and the UTC review, visit the UTC's website at www.utc.wa.gov and enter the docket number (090842) in the "Docket Lookup" function.

You can comment in person at the following public hearing(s):

October 15, 2009, Gray Wolf Hall
Rooms 166 & 168, Everett Community College
2000 Tower Street, Everett, Washington, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The public is represented in the review process by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's Office. You may contact Public Counsel via email at: utility@atg.wa.gov, or in writing at: 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104. For more information about Public Counsel, visit: www.atg.wa.gov/utilities.aspx.

About Frontier and your ongoing Services

Frontier currently provides local wireline telephone service in 24 states, serving a total of 2.8 million voice and broadband connections. Frontier offers telephone and Internet services, as well as bundled offerings, wireless Internet data access, data security solutions, and specialized bundles for small/medium/large businesses and home offices to customers and will expand its service into Washington. For additional information about Frontier, please call 1-888-340-9545 or visit www.frontier.com.

Please continue to contact Verizon as you normally have. If you have questions about the transaction, please call Verizon NW at 1-888-483-1911 or write to: Verizon Northwest Inc., Attn: Lin Fogg, 1800 41st Street, Mailcode WA0105RA, Everett, WA 98201.

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