

[Service Date September 22, 2011]

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Ms. Phyllis A. Whitten
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RE: In the Matter of the Joint Application of VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Indirect Transfer of Control of Verizon Northwest Inc., Docket UT-090842 (Objections to Bench Request No. 3)

Dear Ms. Whitten:

On September 12, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Bench Request No. 3 regarding Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc.'s (Frontier or Company) second request for disbursement of funds from its escrow account. The Company filed its Response on September 19, 2011, providing both general and specific objections to much of the data requested.

As you know, the Commission requires sufficient information to track and verify Frontier's progress towards the broadband deployment goals set forth in Order 06. Given the company's response to some of the items set forth in Bench Request No. 3, I fear there may be a misunderstanding about the intent of the Bench Request and the scope of information sought. I propose we sit down in person with Commission staff and Company representatives so that we can come to a common understanding and resolve these issues going forward.

Please know that the Commission is committed to processing Frontier's disbursement request promptly. Accordingly, I suggest that we meet in the Commission's offices on **Wednesday, September 28, at 2 p.m.** Please call my office at (360) 664-1208 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary

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