

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Review of:	)	
Unbundled Loop and Switching	)	DOCKET NO. UT-023003
Rates; the Deaveraged Zone	)	
Rate Structure; and Unbundled	)	
Network Elements, Transport,	)	NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER:
and Termination	)	GRANTING IN PART, COMMISSION
	)	STAFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL
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**Synopsis: *The Commission grants, in part, Commission Staff's motion to compel Verizon to provide an updated loop length study.***

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1 **Proceeding.** Docket No. UT-023003 – also referred to as the “new generic cost case” – is a generic proceeding to review unbundled network element (“UNE”) loop and switch rates, including the deaveraged loop zone rate structure, previously established by the Commission in other proceedings. The Commission has also decided to consider numerous other related issues.

2 **Background.** On May 14, 2003, Commission Staff filed a Motion to Compel Verizon to Comply with the Third Supplemental Order in this docket. In essence, Staff’s motion to compel asks the Commission to direct Verizon to file an updated loop length study by May 30, 2003 so that Staff would be able to review the study and file Staff direct testimony on June 26, 2003, according to the currently effective schedule for this case.

3 Verizon filed a response to Staff’s motion on May 23, 2003. Verizon indicated that by May 30th the company would be able to provide Staff with a new loop length study for 89 of Verizon’s 99 wire centers in the state, or 98% of all its loops in Washington. Verizon indicated it would supplement the study information for the remaining wire centers as soon as the data became available.

**II. MEMORANDUM AND DECISION**

- 4 Verizon's response to Commission Staff's motion indicates that the company will be able to provide Staff with a substantial portion of Verizon's updated loop length data by May 30, 2003. On this basis, the Commission grants Staff's motion and directs Verizon to file its available updated loop length study to Staff on or before May 30th. Should the information Verizon provides prove inadequate, or should Verizon fail to provide supplemental data for the remaining wire centers as it becomes available, Staff may renew its motion to compel.

**III. ORDER**

- 5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That Verizon must provide Commission Staff updated loop length information for 89 of 99 wire centers, as Verizon represented in its response to Staff's motion to compel and that Verizon must provide Staff with updated loop length information for the remainder of the 99 wire centers as soon as it becomes available.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003.

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THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge