

Exhibit No. ____ (TWZ-2)
Docket No. UT-040788
Witness: Timothy W. Zawislak

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UT-040788

EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY
OF
TIMOTHY W. ZAWISLAK
REGARDING INTERIM RATE RELIEF

STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Verizon NW Response to Staff Data Request No. 14

July 14, 2004

Docket No. UT-040788
WUTC Staff Data Requests to Verizon Nos. 1-28
May 21, 2004

Data Request No. 14 (General)

Please state and explain all reasons why Verizon Northwest Inc. is proposing to increase rates on an interim basis by a fixed dollar amount to specific line rates, as opposed to a uniform percentage increase to those line rates. Produce all documents relied on for your response.

RESPONSE:

A fixed dollar amount spreads the amount of the proposed interim surcharge equally between residential and business customers. Also, since the current rates for business customers are significantly higher than residential customers, a uniform percentage increase would cause a significantly higher increase to business customers.

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