

[Service Date June 7, 2002]

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Development of)	
Universal Terms and Conditions for)	DOCKET NO. UT-011219
Interconnection and Network)	
Elements to be Provided by)	SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.)	CONFERENCE
)	(July 31, 2002)
.....)	

1 This matter involves a request that the Commission direct Verizon to provide generally available interconnection terms to persons requesting interconnection agreements with Verizon, and that the Commission review the terms for compliance with pertinent law. On March 1, 2002, the Commission ordered that it would exercise its authority under law to require Verizon to establish such generally applicable terms and conditions for interconnection and network elements. *In the Matter of the Development of Universal Terms and Conditions for Interconnection and Network Elements to be Provided by Verizon Northwest, Inc., Docket No. UT-011219, First Supplemental Order.*

2 In view of its recent heavy schedule of hearings, the Commission has not been able until now to address this matter. The Commission now seeks to give notice about the inception of the process to persons who may be interested, and to convene a prehearing conference for the purposes of establishing the process and the timetable for accomplishing the endeavor.

3 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, RCW 34.05.452, RCW 80.36.100-.130 and WAC 480-09-467 as well as 47 U.S.C. 251(d)(3), 261(c) and 271. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapter 80.36 RCW, chapter 480-09 WAC and chapter 480-120 WAC.

4 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in addition to general matters of the sort prescribed in the First Supplemental Order in this case, at this prehearing conference the Commission proposes the following items for discussion.

1. What is the specific goal of the process? Is it a tariff filing, a generally available interconnection agreement, or a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) as contemplated in UT-003022 and UT-003040 (Qwest's Section 271 and SGAT proceedings), or something analogous to an SGAT?
2. What is the scope of this undertaking? The Commission is near completion of the Qwest 271 and SGAT proceedings that have involved considerable effort and time for review. Is this process likely to be of the same scope? If not, why not?
3. What schedule seems appropriate for the docket? Given the parties' predictions of scope, do parties ask the opportunity to present written testimony and exhibits? When should testimony be expected and what time line seems appropriate at this juncture?
4. Should the parties use the Verizon New York template agreement, as indicated in the First Supplemental Order, ¶24, as a starting point, or do the parties have other suggestions for a starting point?
5. Should the Commission stand by its determination that Commission Staff participate as a party in this docket? The First Supplemental Order contemplates that Staff will participate as a party, but in Docket Nos. UT-003022 and UT-003040 the Commission was advised by the regulatory services staff, which therefore could not be a party. Would that process be advisable to the parties in this docket?
6. What process issues must be resolved? What is the best way to organize this proceeding? Who has the burden of coming forward with evidence, and who has the burden of proof on the issues?

5 **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider the issues raised above, as well as to determine other matters to aid in the disposition of this matter, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. The time and place for any further evidentiary or other proceedings will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

7 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

8 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.

9 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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10 Commission Staff will appear through Mary Tennyson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504-0128, (360) 664-1220.

11 Theodora M. Mace has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.

12 The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The Address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.

- 13 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

June 7, 2002

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The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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Phone No.: (____) _____