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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	Docket No. UT-011439
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	DECLARATION OF JOAN GAGE IN
)	SUPPORT OF VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a))	TO PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
)	REVIEW OF ORDER
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Joan Gage deposes and states:

1. I am employed by Verizon Northwest Inc. as a regulatory manager – State of Washington. My business address is 1800 – 41st Street, Everett, Washington. I make this Declaration based upon personal knowledge about which I am competent to testify.

2. I make this Declaration to supplement the Declaration dated July 9, 2002 submitted by me in this Docket, a copy of which is attached.

3. Attached hereto are e-mails I received from Bob Shirley, of the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff, discussing a meeting that occurred at Verizon’s offices in Everett on June 2, 2000 regarding the Cedar Ponds lines extension project (“Cedar Ponds Project”). After the June 2, 2000 meeting, Mr. Shirley suggested to me that Staff would not oppose a company filing for recovery of the costs for the Cedar Ponds project under the new line extension rule, WAC 480-120-071, after it took effect and after the project was completed. He stated that Staff would not oppose such a tariff filing even though the applications for service were received prior to the

1 Commission adoption of the rule. Subsequently I confirmed with Mr. Shirley on at least 2 separate
2 occasions that the company would follow his recommendation and seek cost recovery, which we did in
3 filing Advice No. 3036 (Docket UT-02-0557) after the Cedar Ponds Project was completed.

4 4. I monitored the progress of the Cedar Ponds Project. The final cost was almost double
5 the original estimated costs to provide service to 16 applicants. Today, Verizon only provides service
6 to ten of those 16 applicants.

7 I MAKE THIS DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS
8 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

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10 EXECUTED this _____ day of November, 2002, in Everett, Washington.

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