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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Committee
1300 Evergreen Park Drive, SW
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Re: Docket No. UT-043013 –

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies for filing Verizon's Proposed Schedule which was sent electronically on Friday, August 27, 2004. Also enclosed is our Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Veronica Moore
Secretary for Timothy J. O'Connell

Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition for
Arbitration of an Amendment for
Interconnection Agreements of

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.

with

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE
CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL
MOBILE RADIO SERVICE
PROVIDERS IN WASHINGTON

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b),
And the *Triennial Review Order*

Docket No. UT-043013

VERIZON'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

1. As called for by the Notice of July 7, 2004, Verizon proposes the following schedule for the prompt resolution of the next phase of this docket. While Verizon has conferred with other parties, they have not agreed to the proposed schedule:

September 10, 2004: Verizon files its revised TRO Amendments reflecting the FCC's interim rules; Parties allowed 30 days for additional negotiations (simultaneous with the process called for by Order No. 8);

September 13, 2004: Verizon files interconnection agreements called for by Order No. 8 and accompanying notice of dismissal of arbitration;

September 23, 2004: Other parties file response to identification of interconnection agreements and notice of dismissal;

September 30, 2004: Verizon files reply in support of dismissal;

October 15, 2004: Submission of Joint Issues List

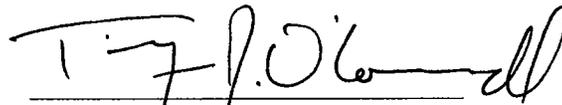
November 19, 2004: Initial Briefs

December 20, 2004: Reply Briefs

January 20, 2005: Arbitrator's Decision

2. Verizon anticipates that, as contemplated by the ALJ in earlier discussions, this first phase of the case will focus on the non-cost issues raised by Verizon's proposed TRO Amendment 1, filed on August 20. These issues are primarily legal in nature, so they can be resolved on the basis of briefs alone; no hearing or prefiled testimony is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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