

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UT-050695
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VERIZON NORTHWEST)	ORDER NO. 01
INCORPORATED,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Waiver of Requirement to)	
File Report on Affiliated Interest)	
Transactions with Subsidiary)	ORDER GRANTING
under WAC 480-146-360)	EXTENSION OF TIME
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 WAC 480-120-395, which was made effective on March 31, 2005, requires telecommunications companies to file by June 1 of each year, an annual report summarizing transactions between it and its subsidiary companies for the preceding calendar year.
- 2 On May 6, 2005, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon or the Company) filed a Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-120-395, in which it seeks exemption from the requirement to file a report of its affiliated interest transactions with its subsidiary, Verizon West Coast Inc. Verizon’s petition for exemption, which was assigned Docket No. UT-050695, is currently being reviewed by the Commission Staff.
- 3 On May 18, 2005, the Company filed a request for an extension of time to August 1, 2005, to file its report on affiliated interest transactions with Verizon West Coast Inc., citing the need for additional time for Commission review of its petition for exemption from the subsidiary reporting requirements. Verizon

confirmed that it will file the remainder of its annual report of affiliate transactions on the June 1, 2005, due date.

- 4 Commission Staff reviewed the extension request and recommends granting Verizon the extension of time. Staff believes that the public interest would best be served by allowing additional time for investigation of Verizon's request for exemption of the subsidiary reporting requirements. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission grant Verizon's request for an extension of time to August 1, 2005, to file its report on affiliated transactions with its subsidiary, Verizon West Coast Inc.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*
- 6 (2) Verizon is engaged in the business of providing telecommunications services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of Chapter 80.36 RCW.
- 7 (3) Verizon is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-120-395, requiring Verizon to file annually a report of transactions with its subsidiary, Verizon West Coast Inc.
- 8 (4) WAC 480-120-015 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-120 WAC, if consistent with

the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.

9 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, 2005.

10 (6) After review of the request filed in Docket UT-050695 by Verizon on May 18, 2005, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the extension of time for Verizon to file the report of transactions with its subsidiary, Verizon West Coast Inc., is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

11 (1) Verizon Northwest Inc. is granted an extension of time to August 1, 2005, to file the report of transactions with its subsidiary, Verizon West Coast Inc.

12 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Verizon Northwest Inc. to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of May, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary