

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	DOCKET UT-090842
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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.)	
AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER 04
CORPORATION)	
)	
For an Order Declining to Assert)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative,)	AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
Approving the Indirect Transfer of Control)	
of Verizon Northwest Inc.)	
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.....)	

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** On May 29, 2009, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) and Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) filed a joint application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for an order declining to assert jurisdiction over the indirect transfer of control of Verizon Northwest, Inc. (Verizon Northwest) from Verizon to Frontier or, in the alternative, approving the Application under the “Transfer of Property” statute and rules set forth in RCW 80.12, WAC 480-143, and any other authority deemed necessary to effect the transaction.

- 2 By Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order, entered July 28, 2009, the Commission, among other things, established a procedural schedule in this matter. On August 31, 2009, Public Counsel filed a motion to amend procedural schedule on behalf of all parties except Comcast Phone of Washington (Comcast). Comcast takes no position on the proposed amendments. The remainder of the parties to this proceeding agree to extend the deadlines for filing responsive and rebuttal testimony in the interest of allowing Commission Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenors additional time for discovery and testimony preparation.

- 3 According to WAC 480-07-385, the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. The Commission finds that allowing Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenors additional time to conduct discovery and prepare testimony

constitutes good cause. In addition, no party opposes the request to modify the procedural schedule so no party should be prejudiced by granting the extension. The continuance does not prejudice the Commission. Accordingly, the request to modify the procedural schedule is granted. The deadlines for filing responsive testimony, rebuttal testimony, and responding to data requests are amended. The amended procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A.

ORDER

4 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the unopposed request to modify procedural schedule filed by Public Counsel on behalf of all parties except Comcast is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 1, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A
MODIFIED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKET UT-090842**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MODIFIED DATE</u>
Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Responsive Testimony and Exhibits	September 25, 2009	November 3, 2009 ¹
Settlement Conference (parties only)	October 13, 2009	No Change
Public Comment Hearing in Everett, Washington	October 15, 2009	No Change
Company Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony and Exhibits	November 9, 2009	November 19, 2009
Deadline for Predistribution of Cross-examination Exhibits	December 8, 2009	No Change
Prehearing Conference to Mark Exhibits²	December 11, 2009	No Change
Evidentiary Hearing	December 15 - 18, 2009	No Change
Simultaneous Post-hearing Briefs	January 11, 2010	No Change

¹ After November 3, 2009, responses to data requests are due **five days after receipt** rather than five business days after receipt.

² This prehearing conference may be cancelled if it is not necessary to mark exhibits or address other procedural matters.