

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UT-011439
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a).)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
)	ORDER
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1 **Proceeding:** Docket No. UT-011439 is a petition by Verizon Northwest Inc., seeking waiver or an exemption from WAC 480-70-071 regarding extending service to two separate locations in Verizon’s Bridgeport exchange in Okanogan and Douglas Counties.

2 **Conference:** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on January 22, 2002, before Administrative Law Judge Marjorie R. Schaer.

3 **Appearances.** Judith Endejan, Graham & Dunn, Seattle, Washington, represents Verizon Northwest Inc. Gregory Trautman, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. Since the prehearing conference Douglas N. Owens has entered a special appearance on behalf of Qwest Corporation. Contact information provided at the conference for the parties’ representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

4 **Petitions for Intervention.** The Commission received no requests for intervention.

5 **Protective order.** The parties asked the Commission to enter a protective order in this docket pursuant to RCW 34.05.446 and RCW 80.04.095, to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information. The request was granted, and a protective order has been entered.

6 **Discovery.** Parties desire to engage in discovery of information in the proceeding. The proceeding qualifies under WAC 480-09-480 as a proceeding in which inquiries may be made to the extent provided in the rule. The discovery rule is invoked.

7 **Issues.** The parties discussed the issues that they believe to be involved. The primary issues are whether Qwest should be joined as a party, and whether the rule exemption sought by Verizon should be granted.

8 **Hearing schedule.** The parties agreed upon the following schedule for the proceeding.

Staff file motion to add Qwest as a party	February 1, 2002
Company file direct testimony	March 6, 2002
Staff file response to company's direct	April 17, 2002
Company's reply testimony	May 15, 2002
Hearing	July 2, 2002
Opening briefs	July 31, 2002

9 **Document preparation and process issues.** Parties must file thirteen (13) copies of each document filed with the Commission. Appendix B states relevant Commission rules and other directions for the preparation and submission of evidence and for other process in this docket. Parties will be expected to comply with these provisions.

10 **Alternate dispute resolution.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1142.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this __th day of February, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.