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I apologize for the delay in responding to your e-mail from this morning. Verizon's request for reconsideration in the e-mail below is denied. While the Commission understands Verizon's concerns and the CLECs' delay in filing the motion at hand, the Commission must address the issues raised in the motion in an expedited manner. With the CLECs' statements in a recent e-mail that they do not seek to stop the conversion from going forward, some of Verizon's objections are now moot, and the Commission must determine, in the short term if the conversion is only a pricing issue or one that may be customer affecting.

I will endeavor in the morning to ensure that the e-mail communications from today, including this communication, are included in the Commission's formal file.

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Dear Judge Rendahl:

Thank you for your e-mail.

For the record, Verizon objects to proceeding in this manner and requests that you and/or the Commissioners reconsider. Verizon had been moving forward based on the claim made in the text of the CLEC motion itself, that this was "purely" a pricing issue. We understand the only allegation of a customer affecting impact to be the claims advanced by MCI's and AT&T's representatives at yesterday's PHC, that they will have difficulty billing their UNE-P customers on a resale basis. Yesterday was the first we had heard of this claim, which was clearly not advanced in the text of their pleading. Given the large number of customers served by AT&T and MCI on a resale basis, we are unable to respond intelligently as to what it is in the AT&T or MCI back office systems that renders this a customer affecting problem.

Moreover, we are unable to identify what it is that precludes AT&T and MCI from simply continuing to bill their customers in their current manner, and disputing whatever bills they receive from Verizon for resale circuits. Such disputes could then be handled on an exception basis.

Finally, the CLEC's delay has either (a) mooted the need for emergency treatment or (b) mandated that some customers will be adversely affected. That is to say, at this point it is impossible to postpone the conversion of the Mt. Vernon switch without causing network disruption. Other carriers throughout the North American Numbering Plan have updated their LERGs to reflect the Friday cut-over. If the conversion is put off, some customers in Mt. Vernon WILL lose calls.

I am unable to identify at this time who would represent Verizon in this hearing, or who our witnesses would be.

Given these facts, we respectfully request that you and/or the Commissioners reconsider the need for an emergency hearing, and permit this issue to be resolved in an efficient but orderly manner.

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Enforcement

I will be sending out a more formal written notice later today via courtesy e-mail, but wanted to notify you at the earliest time that the Commissioners have requested that I hold a hearing on the CLECs' Motion for Enforcement tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the nature of a preliminary hearing to address the balance of harms. Parties who wish to present witnesses to provide oral testimony must make those witnesses available either in person or via a teleconference bridge line, which number will be provided in the more formal notice to be provided later today. Witnesses should be prepared to address the operational aspects of the conversion from the circuit to the packet switch in Mount Vernon, Washington, as well as any customer affecting aspects of the conversion. The primary issue at this hearing is whether the conversion is truly a pricing issue or if customers will be discontinued or otherwise affected by the conversion.

Parties must notify me or Margret Kaech via e-mail or telephone (Margret Kaech's number is 360-664-1140) as to who will need access to the

conference bridge so that we know how many lines to order. I will also need to know how many parties wish to present witnesses, and the names or basic identity of those witnesses. There is another hearing scheduled for tomorrow for which the Commission's regular conference bridge will be used.

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