

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INC.,

Complainant,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,

Respondents.

DOCKET NO. UT-020406

COMMISSION STAFF'S
RESPONSE TO VERIZON'S
MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION
OF THE FIFTH
SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

1 The Commission Staff (Staff) files this in response to Verizon Northwest Inc.'s
(Verizon) February 24, 2003, Motion for Clarification of the Fifth Supplemental Order
Setting Scope of Proceeding; Ruling on Motions (Order), issued by the Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) on February 21, 2003.

2 In asking for clarification, Verizon misstates the Order. Verizon states that the
Commission will not order any reductions in access charges as a result of "this phase"
of the proceeding. Verizon's Motion, ¶ 3. The Staff disagrees that the Commission
made such a statement.

3 In the Order, the Commission stated that the allegations set forth in the
complaint filed by AT&T of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. (AT&T) are relevant. Order, ¶¶
22, 25. AT&T requests that Commission reduce Verizon's access charges. Complaint, at

15 (“AT&T prays for . . . [a]n order from the Commission requiring Verizon to reduce its switched access service rates . . .”). The Commission retains its full authority to order a reduction in Verizon’s access charges without further proceedings if it finds they are unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory.

Dated: February 25, 2003

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