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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
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**Subject: Docket No. UT-051261 and Docket No. UW-051287
Notice of Opportunity to Submit Written Comments on Proposed Rule;
Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-140-020, Relating to Who Must
File Budgets With the Commission**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendment to WAC 480-140-020 in the above-subject docket. Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") has reviewed the proposed amendment, which eliminates the requirement for telecommunications and water companies to file annual budgets with the Commission, and fully supports such an amendment to the rule. Additionally, Verizon applauds staff initiative to identify and eliminate such unnecessary filing requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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Cc: Betty Erdahl