

February 28, 2003

Marjorie Schaer  
Administrative Law Judge  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: *AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. v. Verizon Northwest Inc.*  
Docket No. UT-020406  
Joint request for continuance of hearing date

Dear Judge Schaer:

I have been authorized by all parties to this matter to request a continuance of the hearing schedule in order to pursue a settlement. If the parties are not able to reach settlement, we propose that hearings in this matter begin on the morning of Wednesday, March 5, 2003. During the Wednesday morning session, counsel would move the admission of evidence, make any objections, and conduct other matters prior to the beginning of testimony. We propose that testimony would begin with Dr. Selwyn on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. The hearings would continue through Tuesday, March 11, 2003, if necessary.

If the parties are able to reach a settlement, we propose that the settlement be presented to the Commissioners on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, or as scheduled by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Shannon E. Smith  
Counsel for Commission Staff

cc: All parties by e-mail