

February 28, 2003

**Order Granting Continuance of Hearing Date
(March 5, 2003)**

RE: AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest v. Verizon Northwest
Inc.
Docket No. UT-020406

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On Friday, February 28, 2003, Commission Staff filed with the Commission a request by all parties to this proceeding to continue the initial hearing date from Monday, March 3, 2003 to Wednesday, March 5, 2003. The request asks that if the parties do not reach settlement, then hearings begin Wednesday morning. 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. The parties propose that testimony would begin with Dr. Selwyn on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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

The Commission supports parties' efforts to resolve disputes without litigation when doing so is lawful and consistent with the public interest. WAC 480-09-465. The Commission grants the continuance.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Secretary