February 26, 2002

NOTICE OF TIME TO REPLY TO ANSWER (March 19, 2002)

RE: Petition of Verizon Northwest Inc. for Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a) Docket No. UT-011439

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On February 1, 2002, the Commission received a motion of Commission Staff to join Qwest as a party respondent. Answers to the motion were due by Friday, February 22, 2002, and answers were received from Qwest Corporation and Verizon Northwest, Inc.

Qwest Corporation's answer raises significant issues that were not addressed in the Commission Staff motion. A reply to the motion will better frame these issues for decision. Commission Staff will be given until March 13, 2002, to file a reply. If Qwest Corporation is joined as a party, then a procedural schedule including its participation will be addressed.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Secretary