

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Requested Waiver	)	
of Statutory Notice in Connection with	)	
the Tariff Revisions Filed by	)	DOCKET UT-011630
	)	
Verizon Northwest Inc.	)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
	)	THAN STATUTORY NOTICE
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On December 7, 2001, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) filed with the Commission under its Advice No. 1018, revisions to its currently effective Tariffs WN U-22 and WN U-23, designated as follows:

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2 The revisions reflect the addition of services to the tariff that are currently offered by  
Verizon Advanced Data, Inc. (VADI), a separate affiliate formed to offer advanced  
services in compliance with merger conditions imposed by the FCC in connection  
with its approval of the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE, now known as Verizon. In  
its "Ascent Decision", the United States Court of Appeals for the District of  
Columbia invalidated the premise of the FCC's separate data affiliate requirement.  
The FCC subsequently authorized Verizon to acquire advanced services facilities and  
recommence providing advanced services.

3 WAC 480-80-070 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the tariff.  
The tariff sheets bear an inserted effective date of January 6, 2002. This date  
recognizes statutory notice as required. The Company requests, however, that  
statutory notice be waived as authorized in WAC 480-80-240, and that the revisions  
become effective January 1, 2002. Verizon requests approval on less than statutory  
notice due to internal company requirements and to coincide with the withdrawal of  
the VADI price list .

4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and waiver  
of statutory notice is not inconsistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the  
Commission grant the waiver Verizon requests with an effective date of January 1,  
2002.

### FINDINGS

- 5 (1) After careful examination of the proposed tariff revisions filed by Verizon on  
December 7, 2001, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for  
good cause shown, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff revisions  
should become effective January 1, 2002.
- 6 (2) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled  
open meeting on December 28, 2001. The Commissioners having determined  
this order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to  
enter this order.

### ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the requested waiver of statutory notice in  
connection with the tariff revisions filed by Verizon Northwest Inc. on December 7,  
2001, and the tariff revisions shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of December, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary