

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-031039
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Required Notice in)	
Connection with a Two-Year)	
Contract to provide 511 Routing)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Service.)	REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 26, 2003, Verizon Northwest Inc., (Verizon) filed with the Commission Contract No. 1259ICB, a two-year contract for 511 Routing Service.

- 2 WAC 480-80-142 requires a thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of July 10, 2003, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. Verizon stated the reason for less than required notice is to provide 511 Routing Service as soon as possible, to enable a statewide rollout by the Department of Transportation.

- 3 Since the proposed contract appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Verizon's request with an effective date of July 10, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public

service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Verizon is a telecommunications company and is a public service
company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Verizon is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-142 requiring
telecommunications companies to file contacts for any rate or charge with
thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may
allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UT-031039 and recommended
the less than required notice request of Verizon be granted.
- 8 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on July 9, 2003.
- 9 (7) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Verizon on June 26,
2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause
shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become
effective July 10, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request sought by Verizon Northwest Inc., for less than required
notice is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9th day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary