

Via E-Mail and Overnight Delivery

December 19, 2003

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7254

Re: Request for Approval of Adopted Interconnection Agreement between
Verizon Northwest, Inc. and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Interpretive and Policy Statement issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (MCI WorldCom) hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt the terms of a previously approved interconnection agreement in its entirety. Specifically, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, MCI WorldCom adopts the terms of the interconnection agreement between AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. and Verizon Northwest, Inc., f/k/a GTE Northwest Incorporated, dated September 8, 1997, and all of its amendments to date, which have been approved by this Commission in Docket No. UT 960307. This adopted agreement as it applies to MCI WorldCom and Verizon should be read so as to replace any reference to AT&T or AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. with MCI WorldCom.

The Agreement does not discriminate against non-party carriers. It is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It is also consistent with applicable state law requirements, including Commission orders regarding interconnection issues. MCI WorldCom respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously.

The Order on Arbitration Procedure also requests that a proposed order accompany the filing. MCI WorldCom requests a waiver of that requirement, and is not providing one with this filing, as the Commission has, in the past, used its own format for Orders. If this is not satisfactory to the Commission, please contact me and I will forward a proposed order immediately.

For the purpose of the relationship between Verizon and MCI WorldCom, notices under the adopted AT&T agreement should be sent to MCI WorldCom at the following location.

To: MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.
Attn: Senior Manager - Carrier Agreements
2678 Bishop Drive, Suite 200
San Ramon, CA 94583
Telephone number (925) 824-2078

Facsimile number (925) 244-1300

with copies to: MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.
Chief Technology & Network Counsel
1133 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone number (202) 736-6578
Facsimile number (202) 736-6903

MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc.
Attn: Counsel – Network & Facilities
22001 Loudoun County Parkway
Ashburn, VA 20147
Telephone number (703) 886-5302
Facsimile number (703) 886-4399

Further, for purposes of Attachment 1, Section 3.1 of the adopted agreement, the initial representative for MCI WORLDCOM should be:

Marcel Henry
Vice President – National Carrier
& Contract Management
555 North Point Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30022
Telephone: (678) 259-5456
Facsimile: (678) 259-5446

MCI WorldCom's adoption of the enclosed agreement only applies to the provision of service in the operating territories of Verizon Northwest in the state of Washington. Further, MCI WorldCom is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and has full power and authority to enter into this adopted Agreement and to perform its obligations thereunder.

Sincerely,

Michel L. Singer Nelson

cc: Dayna Garvin
Jenny Ross - Verizon
Vice President and Associate General Counsel – Verizon Wholesale Markets
Director – Contract Performance and Administration
Rene`e Ragsdale, Manager-Contract Management