

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

In the Matter of the Petition of ) DOCKET UT-061821  
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VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC., ) ORDER 02  
)  
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a) ) GRANTING LEAVE TO  
) WITHDRAW PETITION  
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**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 On August 11, 2006, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Docket UT-061298 a petition for a waiver of, or an exemption from, the requirements of WAC 480-120-071(2)(b). If granted, the requested waiver or exemption would mean that Verizon would not be required to extend service to five separate locations (Bush, Platt/Hussey, Pitsker, Impero and Connan) in Verizon’s Molson-Chesaw and Tonasket Exchanges.<sup>1</sup>
  
- 2 On December 13, 2006, the Commission entered Order 01 bifurcating the petition in Docket UT-061298 and setting only the Bush application for service in the Molson-Chesaw exchange for hearing in Docket UT-061298. The Commission opened this proceeding, Docket UT-061821, to consider the applications for service for the Platt/Hussey, Pitsker, Impero and Connan locations in the Tonasket exchange. The Commission also set this matter for hearing.
  
- 3 Verizon filed a motion on January 5, 2007, seeking leave to withdraw its petition for waiver or exemption with respect to the requests for service that are the subject of Docket UT-061821. Verizon states that additional applicants have come forward with regard to this route. The cost per customer now averages approximately \$14,250. Staff confirmed at prehearing that this is in line with amounts the Commission has historically found to be within reason in individual cases. Staff does not object to Verizon’s request to withdraw its petition.

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<sup>1</sup> Verizon filed amended petitions in Docket UT-061298 on October 27, November 30, and December 12, 2006.

- 4 Balancing the expenditure of the company's and the Commission's resources that would be consumed in continuing this adjudication against the reduced cost per customer now evident in connection with the proposed line extension, the Commission finds it makes economic sense and will promote judicial economy to allow Verizon to withdraw its petition for waiver.

**ORDER**

- 5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Verizon's Motion to Withdraw Amended Petition for Waiver is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 30, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge