

November 10, 2005

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Douglas and Jessica Rupp, et al. v. Verizon Northwest, Inc., Docket No. UT-050778*

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On August 4, 2005, the Commission entered Order No. 01—Prehearing Conference Order. In that order the Commission set out a procedural schedule agreed upon by the parties.

On November 4, 2005, Verizon filed a letter with the Commission requesting that the procedural schedule in this case be stayed, or held in abeyance, pending a Commission decision in Docket No. UT-050814, *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc. for Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger* (Merger docket).

Verizon states that Verizon and the Commission staff have reached a multi-party settlement agreement in the Merger docket subject to Commission review and approval. According to Verizon, one of the terms of the settlement agreement, found at Paragraph 11, could effectively resolve the petition in this proceeding. Mr. Rupp, on behalf of the Petitioners, has consented to a stay of the procedural schedule.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the procedural schedule in Order No. 01 is suspended. The parties must file a letter on or before January 10, 2005, informing the Commission of the status of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ
Administrative Law Judge