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**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**  
**(To be held on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 8:30 a.m.)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of an Amendment to Interconnection Agreements of Verizon Northwest Inc. with Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in Washington Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b), and the Triennial Review Order, Docket No. UT-043013.*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On Friday, November 19, 2004, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon) filed two Issues Lists in this proceeding. On the same day, a group of competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs), composed of AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., and AT&T Local Services on behalf of TCG Seattle and TCG Oregon (collectively AT&T), MCI Inc. (MCI), and the Competitive Carrier Group (CCG), filed with the Commission a Disputed Issues List.

The issues lists do not clearly identify whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary. In addition, the issues lists cannot easily be reconciled and Verizon's cover letter raises issues that should be addressed prior to hearing or briefing.

**A prehearing conference to address these concerns is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2004, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Commission's offices in the Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.** Persons who cannot attend the conference in person may participate via the Commission's teleconference bridge line 360-664-3846. Persons desiring to participate via the bridge line must make advance reservations by calling Kippi Walker at 360-664-1139, no later than Noon on Wednesday, December 15, 2004.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge