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Ms. Carole Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Douglas and Jessica Rupp, et al.;*
Docket No. UT-050778**

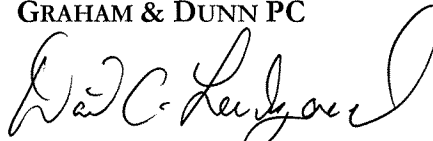
Dear Ms. Washburn:

We represent Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon"), in the above-referenced docket. Verizon provides the following response to Petitioner Rupp's letter dated January 5, 2006, and in compliance with Administrative Law Judge Caillé's order that the parties provide a status report no later than January 10.

Verizon agrees with Petitioners that this docket needs to be reactivated in light of the Commission's Final Order 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 continues to oppose the relief requested by Petitioners in their complaint, and therefore a new schedule for resolving this docket needs to be established. Verizon respectfully suggests that the most efficient means of doing so would be a short conference with all parties and the ALJ.

Sincerely,

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