

Before the

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket No. UT-040788

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION BENCH REQUEST NOS. 6 & 7

August 23, 2004

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Verizon Responses to Commission Bench Request Nos. 6 & 7

Due Date: August 23, 2004

Bench Request No. 6

Please identify the projected changes in capital expenditures in Idaho and Oregon, in the format used in the presentation on page 7 of exhibit no. 63.

Response:

See the table below for the changes in capital expenditures:

| (In Millions) | <u>2003 Capital Expenditures</u> | <u>2004 Budget Plan Reductions</u> | <u>Additional Reductions</u> | <u>Total 2004 Reductions</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Oregon | \$45.1 | (\$7.9) | 0 | (\$7.9) |
| Idaho | \$21.6 | (\$5.3) | 0 | (\$5.3) |

The 2004 Budget Plan Reductions for Oregon and Idaho were based generally on declines in customer demand and substantial network investment in previous years. These two states did not have any capital reductions directly associated with poor financial health.

Prepared By: Gregg Diamond

Date: August 23, 2004

Witness: Steve Banta

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Bench Request No. 7:

Please provide a copy of the current directory publishing contract between Verizon NW and the Verizon directory publishing company.

Response:

Please refer to Attachment PC-152a that is attached.

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Date: August 23, 2004

Witness: Nancy Heuring