February 21, 2006

ALJ Karen M. Caillé 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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

Dear Judge Caillé:

Petitioners hereby request a Special Protective Order (as described in WAC 480-07-420 paragraph 3) be entered in the above named docket.

Respondent has asked, in their data request, for confidential medical and financial data. Respondent has also asked for raw community survey audio recordings and transcriptions. In order to get frank and honest answers to the community survey questions, the petitioners were promised that this data would be held in confidence.

Petitioners request the order include the following restrictions, with respect to disclosure to petitioners.

- a) The petitioner's confidential data will be used only for purposes of this proceeding.
- b) That petitioner's confidential data will not be revealed to other petitioners, except the lead petitioner.
- c) In the future, redacted filings will be sent to petitioners except the lead petitioner or alternately that all filings (confidential and redacted) will be sent to lead petitioner for distribution.

Sincerely,

Douglas B Rupp, Lead Petitioner PO Box 207 Index, WA 98256

cc: Parties of Record