

Exhibit MDP-18

Frontier/Verizon Interrogatory Response No. 5

Docket No. UT-090842
Verizon Responses to Comcast Data Requests Nos. 1-57
August 13, 2009

DATA REQUEST NO. 5:

If the Transaction is approved, does Frontier intend to claim or petition the Washington Commission to establish that it or any of the operating entities in Washington it acquires as a result of the Transaction are entitled to treatment as a rural telephone company under Section 251(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") or otherwise exempt from the obligations on incumbent local exchange carriers under Sections 251(b) and (c) of the Act? If so, please identify the operating entities and explain Frontier's position.

Response:

Applicants assert Objection Nos. 3, 7, 10 and 11. Subject to and without waiver of its objections, Frontier responds as follows:

Verizon Northwest is not a rural telephone company under Section 251(f) today and Frontier will not claim or petition the Washington Commission to designate Verizon Northwest as a rural telephone company.

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Witness: To be determined