BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Verizon Northwest, Inc., for Approval of Revised Depreciation Rates DOCKET NO. UT-040520

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

- TO: CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; and
- 2 TO: PARTIES OF RECORD
- 3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE UNDERSIGNED hereby enters their appearance as counsel for the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the above-entitled matter, specifically reserving all rights including those relating to jurisdiction.

DATED this 28th day of December, 2004.

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