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Ms. Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
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1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW
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Re: Docket No. 043013; Initial Briefs in Verizon Arbitration

Dear Ms Washburn,

Due to resource constraints, Sprint will not file an initial brief in this proceeding. Sprint will remain a party at this time, but will likely limit its participation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William E. Hendricks

cc. Ann Rendahl, Administrative Law Judge
Service List