

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of	)	DOCKET NO. UT-011473
	)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,	)	ORDER NO. 01
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
For Less Than Required Notice in	)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Connection with Contract	)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 7, 2005, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon NW or the Company) filed with the Commission a contract amendment to revise the pricing and quantities, the contract term and termination liability language, and to remove the applicability of a subscriber line credit for Analog CentraNet Service.
  
- 2 WAC 480-80-142 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of February 1, 2005, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. The requested effective date coincides with the expiration date of the customer's current contract. The Company requests the earlier effective date to avoid a disruption in the customer's service under the contract.
  
- 3 Since the proposed contract amendment appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Verizon NW's request with an effective date of February 1, 2005.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate

rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Verizon NW is a telecommunications company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Verizon NW is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-142 requiring telecommunications companies to file contracts for any rate or charge with thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket No. UT-011473 and recommended the less than required notice request of Verizon NW be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2005.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract amendment filed by Verizon NW on January 7, 2005, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become effective February 1, 2005.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request sought by Verizon Northwest Inc. for less than required notice is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary