

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-020341
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Required Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Connection with Contract)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 17, 2004, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon NW or the Company) filed with the Commission a contract amendment to extend the term of a contract for Wide Area OC12 SONET service for six months.

- 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 December 14, 2004, 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 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 December 14, 2004.

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-020341 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 December 10, 2004.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract amendment filed by Verizon
NW on November 17, 2004, and giving consideration to all relevant
matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed
contract should become effective December 14, 2004.

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 10th day of December, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary