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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Ann E. Rendahl
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UT-043013 – Verizon Arbitration

Dear Judge Rendahl:

Enclosed for the convenience of the Commission and the parties are the following: a table of contents and a table of authorities for Verizon's Opening Brief submitted for filing on Friday, March 11, 2005 via electronic mail and federal express.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Ridge", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John H. Ridge

cc: Parties of Record
Timothy J. O'Connell