BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,

For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a)

Docket No. UT-011439

DECLARATION OF MRS. MARGARETE

WEISBURN

- I, Margarete Weisburn make this declaration based on personal knowledge.
- 1. I live on the same road as Kay and Mike Taylor, who have requested telephone service from Verizon Northwest Inc. My mailing address is 1169-Rd. 18, NE, Mansfield, Washington 98830. My telephone number is 509-683-1946.
- 2. My family moved to our current residence, which is on a ranch of approximately 800 acres in 1975.
- In approximately 1994 or 1995, we purchased two-way radio-phone equipment, which we still use today in order to obtain telephone service from Verizon Northwest Inc. We purchased the hardware we currently use for approximately \$7,000 from a radio-telephone service company in Wenatchee. This company installed the equipment which attaches to a Verizon pedestal.

 Pryor to the present system, we had a defunct one installed from a different company at about \$4,000. The company went
- 4. We draw our dialtone from Verizon's Marisfield exchange, which gives us a large local calling area including Wenatchee, Leavenworth and Chelan.

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- 5. I have been very satisfied with my radio-telephone service which allows me to place local and long distance calls when I need to do so.
- 6. I pay regular local exchange rates to Verizon and receive regular bills from the company.
- 7. Kay Taylor talked to me about replacing my current radio-telephone service with traditional landline service from Verizon because she explained to me that she has asked the company to lay cable to provide her with landline service. I am not interested in replacing my current radio-telephone service, in order to obtain landline service from Verizon.
- 8. I do not wish to change my current arrangement for telephone service because it would require me to give up my Mansfield exchange telephone number and the large Mansfield local calling area in exchange for a Bridgeport exchange number and a much smaller local calling area. In addition, I am not interested in spending any additional money for a line extension charge because I feel that I have what I need and I do not want to pay more money to get phone service, when I already have what I need.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed within the State of Washington, United States of America on this 30 day of November, 2001.

Mrs. Margarete Weisburn