

ATTACHMENT 4

Declaration of Paula M. Strain

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Complainant,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UT-040788

DECLARATION OF PAULA M.
STRAIN

I, Paula M. Strain, provide the following declaration in support of Staff's Motion to Compel. The following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are based on my personal knowledge.

I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission as a Telecommunications Expert. In the course of my duties as a Telecommunications Expert, I reviewed the meeting minutes of the Verizon Northwest Inc. Board of Directors covering the period January 2002 through August 2004. Based on my review of these meeting minutes, the Verizon Northwest Board of Directors' actions primarily consisted of the following:

Approval of dividend payments to its parent company, GTE Corporation (a subsidiary of Verizon Communications), every three months.

Adoption of restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Exchange of outstanding Verizon NW shares of stock for one share of stock.

Authorization of one surplus property sale.

Adoption of an amendment to an employees' pension plan to reflect voluntary separation and recent collective bargaining.

Resolution to receive financial services from a Verizon affiliate.

Acceptance of board member resignations and appointments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula M. Strain", written over a horizontal line.

Paula M. Strain
Commission Staff

September 16, 2004
at Olympia, WA