BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of:

Douglas and Jessica Rupp; Kathie Dunn and Chris Hall; Melinda Inman; Verlin Jacobs; Anthony Williams; Christine and Samuel Inman; and Sam Haverkemp and Chris Portrey,

Petitioners

v.

Verizon Northwest, Inc., Respondent. NO. UT-050778

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

1. INTRODUCTION

Petitioners request an extension of time to file part of their rebuttal testimony due to the unavailability of one of their expert witnesses and additionally request permission to file electronically on the due date[s] with hardcopy to follow.

2. HISTORY

Petitioners first contacted a qualified expert witness crucial to their rebuttal testimony when the witness returned from a business trip on March 8. The witness subsequently left the next day on a 10 day vacation and will return on or about March 19. On March 13 the witness indicated via a colleague that he would be able to write the rebuttal if a one or two (business) day extension could be obtained.

Petitioners contacted the other parties to secure their advance consent and they have no objection as shown in the attached.

3. MOTION

Petitioners move for an extension to file the effected portion of their rebuttal

testimony until Tuesday, March 21, but with the bulk of their testimony filed as

previously scheduled and further request permission to file electronically on the due

date[s] with hardcopy to follow the next business day as per WAC 480-07-145.

The facts alleged in this motion are true and correct to the best of my belief.

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