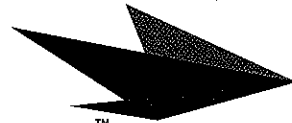


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Re: Docket No. UT-081393; *In the Matter of Verizon Select Services, Inc., et al., v. United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq*

Dear Ms. Washburn:

United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq ("United") submits the enclosed Order Holding Petition in Abeyance, entered by the Georgia Public Utility Commission, of which the Commission may take judicial notice. The Order stays Verizon Select Services, Inc.'s ("Verizon") complaint against Windstream before the Georgia PUC, which makes similar allegations as the Verizon's complaint in this docket.

The Order supports United's request that the Commission dismiss, or in the alternative delay or otherwise address Verizon's complaint in this docket, holding:

The Commission will continue to monitor the progress of the federal and state efforts. If the federal and state efforts are significantly delayed or the issues addressed in Verizon's Petition are not resolved at the conclusions of those efforts, the Commission will revisit those issues at a later date. If appropriate, the Commission may consider the [inter-carrier compensation] issues in a broader context, such as a generic proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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