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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *Verizon Arbitration Proceeding*
Docket No. UT-043013.

TO ALL PARTIES:

The remaining phase of this proceeding is the filing and consideration of an amendment to the parties' interconnection agreement implementing the commission's decisions on contested issues. Under the current schedule, the commission directed the parties to file a conforming amendment by Friday, December 16, 2005.

In a December 19, 2005, agreed motion, the parties seek to modify the procedural schedule and request additional time to respond to and negotiate Verizon's proposed amendment. Although the request is not timely under WAC 480-07-385(3), the request is reasonable and for good cause given the complexity of issues and Verizon's interest in consistent amendments in the different states in which it provides service.

The parties' agreed motion to modify the procedural schedule is granted, in part. While the parties' proposed changes to the procedural schedule are acceptable, Verizon must file a final red-line version of the amendment to the interconnection agreement on January 31, 2006, the date the parties may file briefs on disputed language. This will avoid parties filing multiple copies of the amendment with the commission.

Parties must adhere to the following modified procedural schedule in this proceeding:

By Saturday, December 31, 2005:

CLEC parties send red-line response to Verizon

Friday, January 6, 2006:

Parties hold conference call, and additional calls as required, to discuss CLEC responses

Monday, January 16, 2006:

Parties prepare and distribute a final red-line amendment identifying differences in proposed language

Tuesday, January 31, 2006:

Verizon files with the commission the January 16, 2006, red-line version of the amendment; Parties may file briefs with the commission about disputes, if any, over conforming language.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary