Exhibit No. _____(RAJ-32T)
Docket No. UT-050778

BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petitioner of: Douglas and Jessica Rupp; Kathie Dunn and Chris Hall; Melinda Inman; Verlin Jacobs; Anthony Williams; Christine and Samuel Inman; Robert Jacobs; and Sam Haverkemp and Chris Portrey, Petitioners v. Verizon Northwest, Inc., Respondent.	**DOCKET NO. UT-050778**

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF

RAYMOND A JUSSAUME

ON BEHALF OF
RUPP, et al

MARCH 17, 2006

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

A. My name is Raymond A. Jussaume Jr., and I live at 140 NW Thomas Street, Pullman, Washington.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

A. I am Professor and Chair of the Department of Community and Rural Sociology at Washington State University. One of my areas of specialization is community studies. I have written professionally on this topic, I mentor graduate students in the area of specialization known as the "Sociology of Community," as well as teach an upper division class on "Cross-National Perspectives on Community." I am also currently involved in research on the community impacts of agricultural development strategies, using a comparative analysis of conditions in Washington State, USA and the Languedoc-Rouisson region of France. My complete vita is attached as Exhibit RAJ-33.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. I am going to clarify some sociological conceptualizations and definitions of community as they apply to what is known as the Skyko 2 area in Snohomish County, Washington.

Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY ADDRESSING SUCH ISSUES IN WASHINGTON?

A. Yes, I provided direct testimony earlier in this docket and I've provided testimony on similar issues in two other dockets before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Q. RESPONDENT ARGUES THAT BY YOUR DEFINITION A SINGLE HOUSEHOLD COULD BE A COMMUNITY AND THAT YOUR APPROACH IS HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE. HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

A. I would argue that one household would NOT be a community. There would be no other households for the members of that household to interact with. However, communities can certainly be quite small. And yes, the determination of what constitutes a minimum size can be subjective, which is why there is no agreement on this aspect of communities in the literature. What generally has been agreed upon, and thus what are the least subjective elements of the definition, are the two attributes that I have identified.

Q. RESPONDENT ARGUES THAT BY YOUR DEFINITION ANY GROUP ORGANIZED ENOUGH TO PRESENT A PETITION WOULD LIKELY QUALIFY AS A COMMUNITY. HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

A. This would only be true if the group was self-organized and if there were active participation in the group by all the members. In other words, if one household

organized the petition with little or no help from any of the other members of the group, then the group would not necessarily have enough social interaction to meet the definition of community. However, I think the respondent makes an excellent point. If there is a group that can organize itself in the spirit of community to achieve a common objective, then that is an excellent test that can be used to identify a community.