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C. Robert Wallis, Administrative Law Judge  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
P. O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *WUTC v. Verizon Northwest Inc.*  
Docket No. UT-040788

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STATE OF WASH.  
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COMMISSION

Dear Judge Wallis:

This letter is sent to memorialize an understanding between Public Counsel, Commission Staff and Verizon NW regarding scheduling in this case.

Today Verizon NW filed a motion for permission to change its filed direct testimony and exhibits in this case. There are several different reasons for the proposed changes.

Staff and Public Counsel were prepared to conduct depositions of Verizon personnel this Wednesday through Friday. Some of the subject areas for examination are affected by some of the proposed changes in the testimony and exhibits. (Staff, Public Counsel and Verizon NW agreed to this deposition schedule among themselves. Other parties were notified of these depositions (the subjects do not relate to rate design issues), but we understand only Staff and Public Counsel plan to participate).



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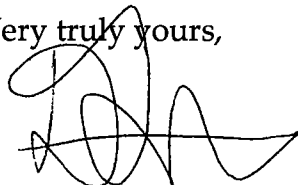
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Verizon NW, Commission Staff and Public Counsel have agreed as follows, subject to Commission approval:

1. The depositions will proceed as scheduled, and examination on the certain of the changed testimony and exhibits will proceed, with Staff and Public Counsel reserving the right to conduct follow-up telephone depositions of the same persons on subjects related to the proposed changes in the testimony and exhibits.
2. The remaining filing dates for the direct cases of Commission Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors, and the filing date for the rebuttal case of Verizon NW, will slip one week (7 calendar days).
3. The hearing dates will also slip one week (7 calendar days), or to the next available dates, should the Commission have a conflict.
4. Commission Staff and Public Counsel will not oppose the Company's motion to change its testimony and exhibits, if these conditions are agreeable to the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DTT', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

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Senior Counsel

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cc: Parties