

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS)	
CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON,)	DOCKET NO. UT-013019
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	CONFERENCE
)	(April 23, 2001)
Respondent.)	
.....)	

- 1 On March 22, 2001, Focal Communications Corporation of Washington (Focal) filed with the Commission a Petition for Enforcement of Section 252(i) against Verizon Northwest, Inc. (Verizon) pursuant to the Commission's Interpretive and Policy Statement in Docket No. UT-990355 and WAC 480-120-530. The complaint alleges that Verizon has refused to permit Focal to opt-in to the interconnection agreement between GTE South Incorporated and Time Warner in North Carolina for use in the state of Washington as required by 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) and the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*. A more detailed account of the dispute is reflected in the complaint which is available for inspection at the Commission's office located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought for hearing before the Commission.
- 2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to RCW 80.36.610, authorizing the Commission to take actions, conduct hearings, and enter orders as permitted or contemplated for a state commission under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104 (110 Stat. 56). Statutes and rules cited in the complaint include 47 U.S.C. § 251(b), 47 U.S.C. § 251(c), 47 U.S.C. § 251(h), 47 U.S.C. § 251(i), 47 U.S.C. § 252(c), 47 U.S.C. § 252(i), RCW 80.36.610, and WAC 480-120-530. In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapter 80.36 RCW, chapter 480-09 WAC, and chapter 480-120 WAC. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the complaint.
- 3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.
- 4 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on April 23, 2001, in Room 207, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- 5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.
- 6 If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- 7 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- 8 The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

Complainant: Focal Communications Corporation
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- 9 Commission Staff may appear in this matter pursuant to WAC 480-09-410(2).
- 10 Tre Hendricks has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- 11 The Public Counsel section of the Office of the Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquires of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 12 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

April , 2001

Inquires may be addressed to:

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and that if limited English-speaking or hearing impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be designated below and returned to:

Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
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(SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____