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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
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Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of Douglas and Jessica Rupp, et al.*
Docket No. UT-050778

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and seven copies of Commission Staff's Response to Petitioners' Motion to Add Petitioners, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

SALLY G. JOHNSTON
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Enclosures
cc: Parties



BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of DOUGLAS
and JESSICA RUPP, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UT-050778

COMMISSION STAFF'S
RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS'
MOTION TO ADD PETITIONERS

I. INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION

1 On March 20, 2006, Petitioners filed a motion to add fourteen residents as petitioners to this proceeding. In support of their motion, Petitioners state that they "have been influenced by Respondent's argument that the cost of line extensions on a per customer basis is 'well above the norm.'" In light of Commission Staff's limited role in this case, Staff takes no position on Petitioners' motion. However, as a general proposition, Staff is opposed to parties to Commission proceedings substantially revising their testimony within two weeks of the scheduled hearing. It may be necessary to, once again, devise a new procedural schedule.


II. CONCLUSION

2 As stated above, Commission Staff takes no position on Petitioners' motion.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the persons and entities listed on the Service List below by depositing a copy of said document in the United States mail, addressed as shown on said Service List, with first class postage prepaid.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 23rd day of March, 2006.


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