

May 9, 2003

RE: AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest v. Verizon Northwest Inc., Docket No. UT-020406 Post Hearing Process

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

At the conclusion of hearings in this matter on May 8, 2003, the parties discussed post-hearing process. This letter provides the Commission's decisions on how this matter should proceed.

The parties will file simultaneous briefs on June 9, 2003. Answering briefs are allowed, and will be timely if filed by June 17, 2003.

The parties should jointly prepare an outline for the opening briefs. The outline should include any subject that any party seeks to address. Because the purpose is to establish a common outline, and not to define precisely the issues addressed in the outline, the outline should state the topic in neutral terms and parties are free to define it in argument as they choose. Therefore it should not be necessary to quibble over the words naming the subjects. Parties' briefs should address subjects in the same order, and a party may omit any subject that the party does not wish to address in the proceeding.

The Commission asks the parties to address the following subjects:

- What should Verizon's access charge be, and why?
- How should an access charge reduction be implemented, if the Commission decides that such a reduction is appropriate? Please support your recommendation.

Sincerely,

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge