

September 25, 2002

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE
(October 9, 2002)**

RE: In The Matter of the Development of Universal Terms and Conditions for
Interconnection and Network Elements to be Provided by Verizon Northwest, Inc.
Docket No. UT-011219

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On September 24, 2002, Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") filed a Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Model Agreement. The current schedule of proceedings requires Verizon to file its Model Agreement on September 25, 2002.

Verizon represents in its motion that it is requesting a two week extension of the deadline until October 9, 2002. Verizon states that it is currently in the process of revising its model agreement as a result of a recent FCC arbitration decision in a Virginia case.¹ Because Verizon seeks to provide the most up-to-date terms in the model agreement it files in this case, it wishes to include the changes from the Virginia revision. Verizon states that it can complete the revisions by October 9, 2002.

Verizon further states that because the current schedule in this case allows five months for negotiations between the filing of the model agreement and the filing of a disputed issues list, a delay of two weeks in filing the model agreement should not cause a hardship for any party. All parties to the proceeding have indicated they do not object to the two week delay Verizon requests.

There is substantial leeway in the schedule; it is beneficial for the record to have an up-to-date model agreement provided to the parties by Verizon; and, the parties do not

¹ In the Matter of Petition of WorldCom, Inc., Cox Virginia Telcom, Inc., and AT&T Communications of Virginia Inc., Pursuant Section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act for Preemption of the Jurisdiction of the Virginia State Corporation Commission Regarding Interconnection Disputes with Verizon Virginia Inc., CC Docket Nos. 00-218, 00-249, 00-251, DA 02-1731, Memorandum Opinion and Order 2002 WL 1576912 (F.C.C.).

object to the extension of the filing deadline. Thus, there is good cause shown and Verizon's motion is granted.

The filing deadline for the Verizon model agreement is now October 9, 2002.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge