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**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
& SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(for Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: *Verizon Select Services, Inc.; MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC; MCI Communications Services, Inc.; Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co. d/b/a Telecom USA; and TTI National, Inc., v. United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a Embarq*, Docket UT-081393

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 20, 2008, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 02, Second Prehearing Conference Order* in the above matter. In *Order 02*, the Commission scheduled the evidentiary hearing for August 5-7, 2009.

On Sunday, August 2, 2009, counsel for United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq (Embarq) announced that Embarq had reached a settlement in principle with the complaining parties Verizon Select Services, Inc.; MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC; MCI Communications Services, Inc.; Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co. d/b/a Telecom USA; and TTI National, Inc. (Verizon Access). Embarq and Verizon Access asked to stay the hearing.

On Monday, August 3, 2009, counsel for Embarq confirmed that no other party to the proceeding objected to cancellation of the evidentiary hearing.

Embarq's request complies with the requirements in WAC 480-07-385 for such requests, and will not prejudice the parties or the Commission. In light of the settling parties' apparent resolution of the issues raised in Verizon Access' complaint, it is reasonable to suspend the procedural schedule and set a prehearing conference to discuss the application of the Commission's rules on settlements (WAC 480-07-730, -740, and -750) to this docket and to

set a new schedule for the filing of the settlement and all required supporting documentation as well as for a hearing on the proposed settlement.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Procedural Schedule in this docket is suspended.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that in place of the previously scheduled evidentiary hearing, a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on August 5, 2009, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purpose of this prehearing conference is to determine filing dates for the parties' settlement documents and a date for a hearing on the merits of the settling parties' proposal. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge