

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UT-040788
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER NO. 14
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	INTERVENTION; GRANTING
)	WITHDRAWAL; AND
Respondent.)	ESTABLISHING NEW HEARING
)	SCHEDULE
.....)	

1 **SYNOPSIS:** *This order grants the petitions to intervene of MCI, Inc., XO Washington, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC, and Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., grants AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., and TCG Seattle’s request to withdraw from this proceeding, and establishes a new hearing schedule*

2 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket No. UT-040788 relates to filings by Verizon Northwest, Inc. (“Verizon,” “Verizon NW,” or “the Company”) seeking approval of “interim” and general tariffs in support of the Company’s asserted need for general rate relief.

3 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** The following companies, entities, or persons filed petitions to intervene in the general phase of this proceeding: MCI, Inc.; XO Washington, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC, and Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. Parties were given the opportunity to file comments on the petitions. Staff and WeBTEC filed responses and had no objections to any of the petitions for intervention. The petitions to intervene are granted.

4 **MOTION TO WITHDRAW.** On October 28, 2004, the Commission received a Motion to Withdraw on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. and TCG Seattle (collectively “AT&T”). AT&T states that in light of its recent force reduction, AT&T is unable to actively participate in the proceeding. AT&T’s request to withdraw from this docket is granted.

5 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** On October 4, 2004, Verizon filed a Motion for Leave to File Revised and Supplemental Testimony. Parties were given until October 11 to file a response. Staff filed a response memorializing an understanding among Public Counsel, Staff, and Verizon regarding scheduling in this case. Staff states that Public Counsel and Staff do not oppose the Company’s motion to change its testimony and exhibits. Verizon NW, Commission Staff, and Public Counsel have agreed to the following:

1. The depositions will proceed as scheduled, and examination on the certain of the changed testimony and exhibits will proceed, with Staff and Public Counsel reserving the right to conduct follow-up telephone depositions of the same persons on subjects related to the proposed changes in the testimony and exhibits.
2. The remaining filing dates for the direct cases of Commission Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors, and the filing date for the rebuttal case of Verizon NW, will slip one week (7 calendar days).
3. The hearing dates will also slip one week (7 calendar days), or to the next available dates, should the Commission have a conflict.

6 The Commission adopts the following schedule:

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