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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
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Dear Ms. Washburn:

Subject: **A-020334 - VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. COMMENTS**

Verizon Northwest Inc. supports the proposed interpretative statement being considered in this docket. As stated in the Commission Staff's March 27, 2002 Open Meeting memorandum and recommendation, the filing of a shelf registration statement does not trigger the filing requirements of RCW 80.08.040 and 81.08.040. Verizon agrees that it will be useful for the Commission to acknowledge this point in an interpretive statement. Verizon appreciates the Staff's attention to this issue.

Please direct any questions to Joan Gage at 425-261-5238.

Very truly yours,

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