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## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of:

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.

For Concurrence that Property is Surplus

Docket No. UT-

APPLICATION OF VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. FOR CONCURRENCE THAT PROPERTY IS SURPLUS

This application is brought by Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon"), 1800 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Everett,
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- 2. Pursuant to the last paragraph of WAC 480-143-180, Verizon requests that the Commission concur that the two properties described below come within subsection (2) of that rule and, as such, may be sold without obtaining "written authority from the commission."
- 3. As further described below, the properties are surplus and unneeded, and Verizon will sell them for market value.
- 4. In making a determination of the dollar threshold under the formula in the last paragraph of WAC 480-143-180, Verizon used the rate base mentioned in the Commission's Second Supplemental Order in Docket U-82-45/48, which produced a figure of approximately \$395,000. Verizon has not had a rate base "established by commission order" since that case. Verizon

estimates that the market values of the subject properties exceed that threshold. (See CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.)

- 5. The first property at issue consists of a 106,935 square foot concrete tilt up industrial building and two minor steel additions on 14.68 acres of land at 2510, 2600 and 2610 West Casino Rd., Everett. The property has been used for warehouse, storage and office purposes. The current and anticipated operations of Verizon do not require the use of this property. Employees assigned to these buildings are being relocated to other Verizon facilities.
- 6. The second property is a parking lot area at 320 Penny Rd., Wenatchee. The adjacent Verizon facility is an operations yard. The current and anticipated operations of Verizon do not require the use of this property.

## **CONCLUSION**

7. Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order concurring that the properties described herein are surplus and unneeded within the meaning of WAC 480-143-180.

DATED this day of September, 2007.

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