

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Verizon Communications Inc. and)
Frontier Communications Corporation)
For An Order Declining to Assert)
Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative,)
Approving the Indirect Transfer of)
Control of Verizon Northwest Inc.)

Docket No. UT-090842

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF CHRISTOPHER D. OATWAY
ON BEHALF OF VERIZON**

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-345, Christopher D. Oatway files this Notice of Appearance on behalf of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon"). Mr. Oatway is an in-house counsel at Verizon, and an attorney in good standing before the bars of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is licensed to practice before the highest courts of each of those jurisdictions.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of November, 2009.

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