

**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. )

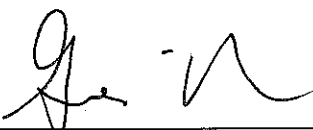
**Docket No. UT-090842**

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF JOSEPH M. RUGGIERO  
ON BEHALF OF VERIZON**

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-345, Joseph M. Ruggiero files this Notice of Appearance on behalf of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon"). Mr. Ruggiero is an in-house counsel at Verizon, and an attorney in good standing before the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is licensed to practice before the highest court in that jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

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