

Exhibit No. \_\_\_ (PMS-14)

Docket No. UT-040788

Witness: Paula M. Strain

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,**

**Respondent.**

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**EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY  
OF  
PAULA M. STRAIN  
REGARDING REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**

**STAFF OF  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Excerpt from Transcript of Deposition of Nancy Heuring, pp. 102-106**

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7 v. )  
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9 Respondent. )

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11 DEPOSITION UPON ORAL EXAMINATION  
12 OF  
13 NANCY HEURING  
14 (VOLUME TWO)

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19 Seattle, Washington

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24 Barbara L. Nelson, CCR  
25 Court Reporter

1 A. Yes.  
2 Q. Re-class for platinum accrual. Do you see  
3 that?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. And is this the extent of the documentation  
6 that Financial Planning and Analysis provided you?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Now, the journal entry itself does not use  
9 the term true-up, does it?  
10 A. It uses the word re-class in place of

11 true-up.

12 Q. Are those terms synonymous, in your view?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The first page of the exhibit, it states  
15 that the period affected by this restatement was for  
16 the years 2000, 2001 and 2002; correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What is it about the second page that -- the  
19 journal entry information that you received that  
20 states that it affects multiple years?

21 A. The journal entry page does not show that,  
22 but we received that information through verbal  
23 discussions with the Financial Planning and Analysis  
24 Group.

25 Q. Okay. So you got information in addition to

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1 page two from Financial Services and Analysis?

2 A. We spoke with the Financial Planning and  
3 Analysis Department, that we could understand what  
4 this issue was and whether or why we needed to  
5 re-class it.

6 Q. Okay. Well, my question earlier was whether  
7 page two was the information provided you by  
8 Financial Planning and Analysis, so if you receive  
9 verbal information, please understand that I'm asking  
10 for that, also, not just a document.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. When I use the term information, I'm  
13 intending it in a broader sense. So the statement  
14 that the period affected were the years 2000, 2001  
15 and 2002, was a statement you received from Financial  
16 Planning and Analysis?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And they did not provide that information to  
19 you in writing; it was just over the phone or in a  
20 meeting?

21 A. I'm not aware of any document that shows  
22 that, no.

23 Q. Did they provide you any documentation that

24 this particular adjustment affected or item affected  
25 those three years?

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1 A. I'm not aware of any document that -- that  
2 I've received that shows that this impacted the three  
3 years, as opposed to discussions that we had with the  
4 Financial and Planning Analysis team.

5 Q. And what is a platinum accrual?

6 A. Platinum is a system, and so there -- this  
7 was an accrual that was done within the platinum  
8 system.

9 Q. Now, you didn't discuss this journal entry  
10 in your direct testimony, did you?

11 A. Not specifically, no.

12 (Marked Deposition Exhibit Number 18.)

13 Q. Referring you to Exhibit 18, this is your  
14 work paper supporting R12-03?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And this is also a true-up adjustment?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And the purpose of this adjustment is to  
19 remove revenues and expenses that do not apply to the  
20 test year; is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And am I correct that the support provided  
23 for this adjustment was a copy of an SEC staff  
24 accounting bulletin, along with page two of the  
25 exhibit, a November 2003 journal entry?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And this adjustment is to true up erroneous  
3 deferrals covering the period December 2001 to June  
4 2003, that was booked in November of 2003?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is there anything about the journal entry on  
7 page two of the exhibit that indicates that this  
8 adjustment applies over a multi-year period?

9 A. No.

10 Q. And so what information did you rely on for  
11 the proposition that this applied for the multi-year  
12 period?

13 A. Again, communication with the Financial  
14 Planning and Analysis organization that we list as  
15 the source.

16 Q. And was that information in written form?

17 A. I don't recall whether it was in written  
18 form or in verbal form, but, generally, for all of my  
19 restating adjustments, we had numerous discussions  
20 with the various organizations to determine the time  
21 periods and the reasons for the adjustments.

22 Q. And did they provide you documentation of  
23 the -- that these particular items were attributable  
24 to 2001 through June 2003?

25 A. We relied on the discussions with the

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1 various organizations or departments.

2 Q. And my question was whether they provided  
3 you documentation. By that, I mean documents. So  
4 your answer is no?

5 A. Yes, that would be no.

6 Q. Okay. This particular adjustment deals with  
7 transactions with VADI; is that right?

8 A. Transactions with?

9 Q. Excuse me. Are these transactions with an  
10 affiliate?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Do you know who these transactions were  
13 with?

14 A. I'm having difficulty with the word  
15 transaction.

16 Q. Okay. This journal entry is adjusting or  
17 trueing up previous journal entries related to VADI  
18 as it is reintegrated into the Washington ILEC.

19 Q. And VADI is V-A-D-I?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You didn't discuss adjustment R12-03 in  
22 detail in your testimony, did you?

23 A. No.  
24 (Marked Deposition Exhibit Number 19.)  
25 Q. Referring you to Exhibit 19, this is your