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Ms. Carole Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc., and MCI, Inc.,  
For Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger  
Docket No: UT-050814

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the originals and nine copies of the Public Counsel Answer to Verizon's Motion to Modify Protective Order NO. 02, and a copy of the Certificate of Service for filing in the above-entitled case. For confirmation of receipt, I have enclosed a copy to be date-stamped and returned to us.

Sincerely,

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