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Re: Docket No. UT-023003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

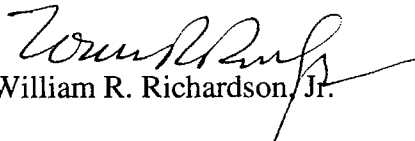
This letter provides notice that Verizon has arranged for an informal orientation program on its new web-based VzCost model, to be held on July 8 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission's office in Olympia. All parties to this proceeding, Commission Staff, the Commissioners, and their advisors are invited to attend this program.

The purpose of the program will be to provide an understanding of how to navigate through VzCost. It will consist of two sessions. The first will provide an overview of what kinds of data are available on VzCost, how to locate that data most easily, and how to navigate within the model. Following a lunch break, the second session will be devoted to an explanation of how parties can use VzCost to conduct sensitivity analyses regarding the effects of making changes to the inputs or assumptions in the cost studies. Verizon has set aside an additional three hours for this second session.

This program is not intended to serve as a basis for endorsing (or rebutting) any of the factual premises or assumptions underlying Verizon's cost studies. Its sole purpose will be to help the parties, the Commission, and Staff to understand how the new VzCost model works and how to make full use of the analytical tools available within it. Accordingly, the data depicted during the presentation will be mock data only.

We request that those who plan to attend this program contact Tom Spinks at 360/664-1365, so that we can plan for a room at the Commission that will accommodate the size of the group.

Sincerely yours,


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