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**NOTICE OF REVIEW OF NRRI ARTICLE ON ILEC TRANSFERS**

Re: *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 UT-090842*

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

In November 2009, the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) published an article entitled “*A New Era in ILEC Transfers: Safeguarding Wireline Telecom Service*” by Helen E. Golding, Economics and Technology, Inc.<sup>1</sup> This publication addresses Verizon Communications, Inc.’s sale of traditional wireline local exchange and intrastate toll services, including transactions currently pending before regulatory agencies including the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). A copy of the above-entitled article may be obtained from the NRRI website at [www.nrri.org](http://www.nrri.org).

Commissioner Philip B. Jones serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of NRRI. In his capacity as Chairman, Commissioner Jones has received and reviewed a copy of the article. Both other commissioners have received copies of that report, but have not reviewed it.

Although, to date, no party has proffered the article into evidence, the Commission concludes that the parties be given the opportunity to address the issues raised in this article if they so choose.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The acronym ILEC is defined as an “incumbent local exchange carrier.”