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Carol J. Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW 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
WUTC Docket No. UT-050814

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find for filing the original and 18 copies of Verizon's Response to Covad's Answer to Verizon's Motion to Modify Protective Order No. 2 in the above-referenced matter. Please conform one of the copies and return to us in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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