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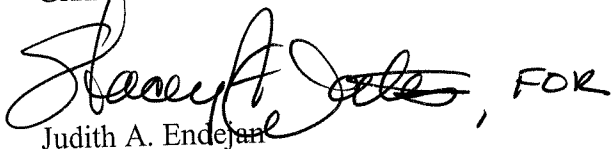
**Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI,
Inc. for Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger
WUTC Docket No. UT-050814**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Graham & Dunn represents Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon") in the above-referenced matter. On July, 5, 2005, Verizon filed a Motion to Modify Protective Order No. 02, and on July 11, 2005, various parties submitted responses. We hereby request permission to file the attached Reply to those responses.

Sincerely,

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