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VIA FAX & ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Carole Washburn WUTC 1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W. PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: WUTC v. Verizon

Docket No: UT-040788

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Verizon has advised that its cost model will be shut down from close of business Friday, December 10, until start of business December 13. Because Public Counsel/AARP rate design/rate spread witness Dr. Robert Loube may require access to the cost model in the final preparation of his testimony, Verizon has agreed, through counsel, to permit us a two day extension of time until Friday, December 17, to file our rate design/rate spread testimony, to accommodate the two days without model access.

Accordingly, I am writing to advise you of the agreement and formally request on behalf of Public Counsel and AARP an extension of time to December 17 to file rate design/rate spread testimony. If we do not need the full extension, we will file prior to that date.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Honorable Robert Wallis, ALJ (electronic mail only)