

December 9, 2004

**NOTICE OF GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR FILING RATE DESIGN – RATE SPREAD TESTIMONY**

RE: WUTC v. Verizon Northwest Inc.  
Docket No. UT-040788

TO ALL PARTIES:

Public Counsel and AARP join in requesting a 2-day extension of time for filing testimony relating to rate design and rate spread, until Friday, December 17, 2004. The request is occasioned by Verizon's need to remove its cost model from availability for a two-day period.

Verizon has indicated it does not oppose an extension of time for filing by Public counsel/AARP, but it does oppose an extension of time for other parties' filings. The Department of Defense and Commission Staff oppose an extension of time that does not apply equally to all parties' presentations, as it could favor the later-filing party whose interests may not converge with those of earlier filers and who would have the opportunity to review the earlier filers' material.

We circulated a proposal informally via electronic mail to parties earlier today and received no comments in opposition. We adopt it, as follows:

We grant the request for an extension of time for filing testimony and exhibits relating to rate design and rate spread until Friday, December 17, 2004. The extension of time is unrestricted for the filing of Public Counsel/AARP.

The extension of time is conditional for all other parties that are subject to the deadline, upon their providing a complete courtesy copy of their final filed version to Verizon no later than the original time for filing.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS  
Administrative Law Judge