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1 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

2 COMMISSION

3 In the Matter of )  
Area Code Relief for the )  
4 206, 253, 425 Number Plan )  
Area Filed by NeuStar, for ) DOCKET NO. UT-991535  
5 the Washington State ) Volume 1  
Telecommunications Industry ) Pages 1 - 9  
6 in the Form of an Overlay; )  
and Creation of the 564 Plan )  
7 Area for All of Western )  
Washington. )

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A prehearing conference in the above matter  
10 was held on February 20, 2001, at 2:10 p.m., at 1300  
11 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Olympia,  
12 Washington, before Administrative Law Judge ROBERT  
13 WALLIS.

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15 The parties were present as follows:

16 THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION, by SHANNON E. SMITH, Assistant Attorney  
17 General, 1400 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest,  
Post Office Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504.  
18 Also Present: Dave Dittmore, Glenn Blackmon

19 VERIZON NORTHWEST, by JUDITH A. ENDEJAN,  
Attorney at Law, Williams Kastner and Gibbs, 601 Union  
20 Street, Suite 4100, Seattle, Washington 98101. (Via  
bridge.) Also Present Via Bridge: Joan Gage

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INTEGRA TELECOM, by PAULA HUSTEAD, Network  
22 Design Engineer, Numbering Resource Optimization, 19545  
Northwest Von Neumann Drive, Suite 200, Beaverton,  
23 Oregon 97006.

24 QWEST CORPORATION, by LISA A. ANDERL, Senior  
Attorney, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Room 3206, Seattle,  
25 Washington 98191. (Via bridge.) Also Present: Theresa  
Jensen, Holly Dean.

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1 MCI WORLDCOM, by SUZANNE BROOKS, Attorney at  
Law, Post Office Box 1474, Lake Stevens, Washington  
2 98258. (Via bridge.)

3 CENTURY TEL, by CAROL ALLEN, Attorney at Law,  
Post Office Box 9901, Vancouver, Washington 98668.  
4 (Via bridge.)

5 VERIZON WIRELESS, by LOLITA SMITH and ANNE  
HOSKINS, In-House Counsel, 1300 "I" Street Northwest,  
6 Suite 400 West, Washington, D.C. 20005. (Via bridge.)

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24 Kathryn T. Wilson, CCR

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WALLIS: The conference will please  
3 come to order. This matter is a prehearing conference  
4 in Docket No. UT-991535, and it is addressing the cost  
5 allocation of consumer education plan for the 564 area  
6 code overlay. This conference is being held at  
7 Olympia, Washington, in the offices of the Washington  
8 Utilities and Transportation Commission before  
9 Administrative Law Judge Robert Wallis upon due and  
10 proper notice to all interested persons.

11 I'm going to begin this afternoon by  
12 identifying the parties who are here as lawyers in a  
13 representative capacity and ask each of you to identify  
14 in turn the people who are here with you. Let's go  
15 around the room and begin with Commission staff.

16 MS. SMITH: Shannon Smith with Commission  
17 staff, and in the hearing room this afternoon is David  
18 Dittmore. Do you need address and phone number?

19 JUDGE WALLIS: Yes. Let's have address,  
20 phone number, and electronic mail address, please.

21 MS. SMITH: Shannon Smith, representing  
22 Commission staff, 1400 South Evergreen Park Drive  
23 Southwest, P.O. Box 40128, Olympia, Washington,  
24 98504-0128. Telephone is (360) 664-1192. E-mail  
25 address is shannons@atg.wa.gov.

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1 MS. HUSTEAD: Paula Hustead with Integra  
2 Telecom, 19545 Northwest Von Neumann Drive, Suite 200,  
3 Beaverton, Oregon, 97006. Phone is (503) 748-2762.  
4 E-mail is paula.hustead@integratelecom.com, but I'm not  
5 a lawyer.

6 JUDGE WALLIS: Ms. Endejan?

7 MS. ENDEJAN: Judy Endejan, E-n-d-e-j-a-n,  
8 from Williams, Kastner and Gibbs. I'm here  
9 representing Verizon Northwest, Incorporated. My  
10 business address is 601 Union Street, Seattle,  
11 Washington, 98101, and that's Suite 4100. My telephone  
12 number is area code (206)233-2998, and my e-mail  
13 address is jendejan@wkg.com, and also with me for  
14 Verizon Northwest is Joan Gage.

15 JUDGE WALLIS: Ms. Anderl?

16 MS. ANDERL: Lisa Anderl, in-house attorney  
17 for Qwest Corporation. Address is 1600 Seventh Avenue,  
18 Room 3206, Seattle, Washington, 98191. Telephone is  
19 (206) 345-1574. Fax is (206) 343-4040, and electric  
20 mail is landerl@qwest.com.

21 JUDGE WALLIS: Ms. Brooks?

22 MS. BROOKS: Suzanne Brooks, S-u-z-a-n-n-e.  
23 My mailing address is Post Office Box 1474. The town  
24 is Lake Stevens, Washington, 98258. Telephone number  
25 is (425)397-8200. E-mail is suzanne.brooks@wcom.com.

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1 JUDGE WALLIS: Ms. Allen?

2 MS. ALLEN: Carol Allen with Century Tel.  
3 Post Office Box 9901, Vancouver, Washington, 98668.  
4 Telephone is (360) 905-7513. E-mail address,  
5 carol.allen@centurytel.com.

6 JUDGE WALLIS: Ms. Hoskins?

7 MS. SMITH: This is Lolita Smith. Anne  
8 Hoskins and I are both in-house counsel for Verizon  
9 Wireless. Our address is 1300 "I" Street Northwest,  
10 Suite 400 West, Washington, D.C., 20005. Anne's direct  
11 dial is (202) 589-3770. My direct dial is (202)  
12 589-3772. E-mail address is  
13 anne.hoskins@verizonwireless.com. Mine is  
14 lolita.smith@verizonwireless.com.

15 JUDGE WALLIS: Is there any other party on  
16 the bridge line who wishes to enter an appearance in  
17 this docket? Let the record show that there is no  
18 response.

19 In some administrative discussions prior to  
20 the beginning of this afternoon's session, we set out a  
21 list of items that we wanted to address this afternoon  
22 and inquired in general terms as to what the parties  
23 would be proposing, and now that we are on the record,  
24 it is our opportunity to state those matters for the  
25 record and to make whatever record a party desires on

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1 those matters.

2           We have in those discussions reached a  
3 consensus that would be appropriate for Commission  
4 staff to begin the hearing on Friday morning by  
5 summarizing the Commission staff recommendation, by  
6 offering into evidence the Commission staff  
7 recommendation presented earlier to the Commission at  
8 the open meeting, and by responding to arguments that  
9 parties have made or may make in comments presented in  
10 this docket. Mr. Dittmore will be appearing on behalf  
11 of Commission staff as a witness; is that correct?

12           MS. SMITH: That's not correct.

13           JUDGE WALLIS: Who will be the Commission  
14 staff witness?

15           MS. SMITH: Glen Blackmon. Ms. Smith, is  
16 there anything else that you would like to state  
17 regarding the Commission staff presentation?

18           MS. SMITH: No, not at this time.

19           JUDGE WALLIS: None of the parties, other  
20 than Commission staff, have indicated the desire at  
21 this time to identify witnesses who will be making  
22 presentations on Friday morning; is that correct? Is  
23 there any party who, in light of the discussions,  
24 desires to present a witness? It is my understanding  
25 that some parties may choose to have experts available

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1 to respond to questions, and I have pledged to pass  
2 along information to the parties if I learn that the  
3 commissioners have questions that they would like the  
4 parties to address at the hearing.

5           In terms of documentary evidence, it is  
6 contemplated that the comments which have been  
7 received, which in some ways, actually, resemble legal  
8 briefs as opposed to evidentiary presentations, that  
9 for administrative convenience, we will mark those as  
10 exhibits and will ask that they be included in the  
11 record. Parties will have an opportunity to voice any  
12 objections that they wish to make at that time. Let me  
13 ask now whether any party anticipates objecting to that  
14 procedure? Again, let the record show that there is no  
15 response. Does any of the parties wish to make a  
16 comment regarding procedure at this time?

17           MS. ENDEJAN: I just have a question. I'm  
18 looking at -- maybe I missed it, but I'm looking at the  
19 Internet site and trying to find the comments that  
20 apparently were due last Friday. Have they been posted  
21 yet to the Commission's Web site? I'm not able to  
22 retrieve them.

23           JUDGE WALLIS: The short answer is that no  
24 one in the hearing room knows the answer to that  
25 question. Because this is the first workday after

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1 Friday, it may be that the staff responsible for making  
2 those postings has not completed it. Immediately at  
3 the conclusion of this session, I will take that matter  
4 up with the records center and ask that it be done  
5 immediately.

6 MS. ENDEJAN: Thank you. I would appreciate  
7 that.

8 JUDGE WALLIS: Something that we have learned  
9 about the wonders of modern technology is that there is  
10 a delay between our posting something to our online  
11 library in the internal Commission communications  
12 network and its posting to the Web site in that about  
13 every hour, there is a sweep and new information is  
14 added to the Web site. So we will inquire immediately.  
15 If the posting has not yet been done, it will take  
16 relatively short amount of time, and then there is  
17 another short amount of time before it is available.

18 MS. HOSKINS: We too looked before this  
19 conference to try to get an idea of the issues that  
20 parties might have raised, and we don't have any  
21 knowledge of those at this point, so I would ask Your  
22 Honor to take that into account that our responses  
23 today are based on somewhat of a lack of information in  
24 terms of what all the issues are that could be  
25 presented on Friday.



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1                   JUDGE WALLIS: Yes, we understand that, and  
2 as I've indicated, within the bounds of time  
3 restrictions, we expect that the commissioners will be  
4 anxious to hear each parties' new contribution to the  
5 discourse.

6                   Is there anything to come before the  
7 Commission at this time? Let the record show that  
8 there is no response. Thank you all for your  
9 attendance today.

10                  (Prehearing conference adjourned at 2:25 p.m.)

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