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Via Federal Express

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-023003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The Commission's Fifteenth Supplemental Order in the above-referenced proceeding requires the filing of supplemental direct testimony on November 18, 2003. Pending before the Commission, however, is a motion to exclude Qwest rate issues from this proceeding. Verizon has filed a response to the motion proposing that the Commission defer further consideration of UNE rates for both Qwest and Verizon, and the Commission has established a November 10, 2003, deadline for responding to Verizon's proposal. In light of the potential impact of these issues on the need for, and content of, any supplemental direct testimony, AT&T, Covad, Commission Staff, Qwest, MCI, Verizon, and XO request that the Commission continue the November 18, 2003, filing date and schedule a prehearing conference, if necessary, to address scheduling issues after the Commission rules on the motion and Verizon's response.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of Record