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Via Federal Express

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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Re: Docket No. UT-023003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. (“AT&T”) objects to the Reply of Verizon Northwest Inc. (“Verizon”) to AT&T/MCI Opposition to Verizon Motion to Strike HAI Model (“Verizon Reply”) filed in the above-referenced docket on the following grounds:

(1) Scope. The Notice of Opportunity to Respond to Motion to Strike (“Notice”) authorizes Verizon to file a *brief* reply to AT&T and MCI’s Opposition to Verizon’s Motion to Strike HAI Model (“Opposition”) pursuant to Verizon’s request for “an opportunity to reply to a *new issue* raised in AT&T and MCI’s response to the motion.” (Emphasis added.) The Verizon Reply is not brief – at nine pages, it is significantly longer than AT&T and MCI’s seven page Opposition – and Verizon devotes the vast majority of its Reply to AT&T and MCI’s arguments concerning Verizon’s motion, not to the new issue of disclosure of TNS information.

(2) Accuracy. Verizon fundamentally mischaracterizes the TNS data that AT&T and MCI have worked with TNS to be able to make available. As AT&T and MCI stated in their Opposition, “The *only* information that Verizon would not initially receive would be the source code for the TNS clustering algorithms.” Opposition at 6 (emphasis added). Contrary to Verizon’s misrepresentations on page 8 of its Reply, AT&T and MCI *will* provide:

- (a) “processes used to transform Verizon NW service addresses into a list of customer addresses ready for geocoding” – to the extent that the data Verizon provided in discovery requires such a process, AT&T and MCI will provide full documentation of that process;

- (b) “the software and source code used to remove inaccurate geocoding results and geocoding results and duplicates (including the input and output files of this process)” – to the extent that Verizon has provided unreliable data, AT&T and MCI will provide full documentation of the means TNS undertakes to correct obvious errors or deficiencies in that data;
- (c) “the software and source code used to surrogate customer locations, including the input and output files of this process” – using actual data from Verizon should minimize the need to surrogate customer locations but, again, AT&T and MCI will provide documentation of this process to the extent it is used;
- (d) “the source code of the clustering software” – this is another name for the source code for the clustering algorithms, and as AT&T and MCI explained, this information is highly proprietary and should not be necessary to enable Verizon or any other party with a genuine desire to test the validity of the TNS process to understand, duplicate, and make proposed changes to that process; however, should that prove not to be the case, AT&T and MCI will make every effort to make this information available under appropriate restrictions;
- (e) “the software and source code used to transform the clustering output into a format that can be read by Point Code” – again, this is the same information as the source code for the clustering algorithms; and
- (f) “the software and source code used to chain outliers” –AT&T and MCI will provide full documentation regarding this issue.

Accordingly, if the Commission considers the Verizon Reply, AT&T requests that the Commission disregard all of the Verizon Reply except the portion that discusses the TNS data and with respect to that discussion, considers the corrections that AT&T has provided above.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of Record