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Re: *In The Matter of the Development of Universal Terms and Conditions for Interconnection and Network Elements to be Provided by Verizon Northwest, Inc., Docket No. UT-011219 – Waiver of Objection to Participation*

TO COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Ms. Paula Strain was selected to become the Commission's Telecommunications Policy Specialist, effective December 2, 2002. In her new position, she is responsible for advising the Commissioners on a variety of telecommunications matters, including adjudications involving telecommunications companies. As you know, Ms. Strain formerly held the position of Telecommunications Expert with the Commission. In that role, she primarily served as a member of Commission advocacy Staff, not Policy Staff.

Ms. Strain has had limited involvement in this docket, as a member of advocacy staff. She participated in one telephone conference call at which procedural matters were discussed (November 7, 2002).

The Commissioners want Ms. Strain to assist them as an advisor in this proceeding, if the parties have no objection to her providing such assistance. Please let us know whether you, on behalf of your respective clients, object to Ms. Strain's participation in this docket as an advisor to the Commissioners, considering the scope of her involvement described above. Please respond by January 10, 2003, so that the Commission can plan appropriately.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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