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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF IPUC RESPONSE TO )  
FCC ORDER ON REVIEW OF SECTION 251 )  
UNBUNDLING OBLIGATIONS OF ) CASE NO. GNR-T-03-22  
INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE )  
CARRIERS (CC DOCKET NO. 01-338) )**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.**

Pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Procedure 72 and 73 and the Commission's June 17, 2003 Notice of State Proceeding and Notice of Right to Intervene ("*Notice*"), Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") hereby files this Petition to Intervene ("*Petition*") and in support of its *Petition* states as follows:

1. Verizon is a telecommunications carrier authorized to provide various telecommunications services in Idaho.
2. The Commission has opened this proceeding "to review within 90 days whether the FCC determination that access to switching for high capacity loops such as DS-1, if not available as a UNE from an ILEC, would impair the ability of other carriers to provide services." *Notice* at 2.

3. As an ILEC in the state, Verizon has a direct and substantial interest in the Commission's consideration of "the FCC's presumptive finding that a competing carrier's ability to provide services is not impaired without access to switching on high capacity loops." *Notice* at 2.

4. There is little (if any) dispute regarding the lack of impairment without access to switching on high capacity loops, and for this reason Verizon believes that the Commission's 90 day proceeding may be unnecessary.

5. On June 26, 2003, Verizon filed a Motion for Extension of Time in which to Intervene, requesting that the due date for petitions to intervene in this proceeding be extended until 10 days after the FCC has released its Order. Because this Motion is pending, Verizon, in order to protect its ability to present evidence and/or cross-examine witnesses at any hearing in this proceeding, is filing this timely *Petition* to intervene.

6. Verizon requests that all orders, notices, pleadings, and other filings be sent to:

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WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests that its *Petition* be granted and that the Commission grant Verizon full rights of participation in this proceeding.

**VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.**

  
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