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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-03-23  
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 "apply specific criteria established by the FCC to determine whether economic and operational impairment exist regarding (i) switching for mass market customers, (ii) access to DS-1, DS-3 and dark fiber, and (iii) enhanced extended loops (EELs)." *Notice* at 2.

3. As an ILEC in the state, Verizon has a direct and substantial interest in the Commission's consideration of whether, "based on the criteria established by the FCC in its Triennial Review Order," "economic and operational impairment exists in particular markets in Idaho." *Notice* at 2.

4. 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 the hearing in this proceeding, is filing this timely *Petition* to intervene.

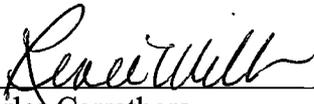
5. Verizon requests that all orders, notices, pleadings, and other filings be sent to:

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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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