

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 25, 2001**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE September 26, 2001

DATE: September 18, 2001

TO: Phil Nyegaard through Lance Ball

FROM: Jim Stanage

SUBJECT: Verizon Northwest, Inc., Advice No. 759
Establishes company name change and creates Tariff, P.U.C. Or. No. 18 to
replace Tariff, P.U.C. Or. No. 11

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Allow the filed tariff to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

Verizon Northwest, Inc., (Verizon) proposes to change its name and to create Tariff, P.U.C. Or. No. 18 to replace Tariff, P.U.C. Or. No. 11. This filing also cancels Tariff, P.U.C. Or. No. 11. The name change is from GTE Northwest Incorporated to Verizon Northwest Incorporated. Currently, only the title sheet and the "Application of Tariff" sheet in P.U.C. Or. No. 11 reflects the company's Oregon business name registration as approved by the Oregon Secretary of State on July 10, 2000. All of the proposed changes are company name and related housekeeping changes, including renumbering the tariff as P.U.C. Or. No. 18. No changes are being made to any rate, rule, or regulation presently contained in the tariff. P.U.C. Or. No. 18 covers the Verizon's local and advanced services. Advice No. 759 was filed on August 21, 2001.

On July 6, 2000, GTE Northwest, Incorporated filed eleven advice letters with the Commission to change its name on the title sheets and the "Application of Tariff" sheets in each respective tariff. Those filings, Advice Nos. 701 through 709, 120PL, and 121ACPL, were filed with effective dates of August 1, 2000. Subsequently, the effective date of Advice No. 709 was extended to September 13, 2000, and Advice No. 708 was withdrawn.

Early last year, GTE and Bell Atlantic Corporation began negotiations for a merger. On June 30, 2000, all legal requirements associated with the merger of GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation were completed. This included review and approvals by

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shareholders, twenty-seven state regulatory commissions, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and clearance from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). Verizon Communications was the name chosen for the merged company.

Verizon Communications includes numerous companies that will provide telecommunications services worldwide. In Oregon, the new company has been named Verizon Northwest Incorporated. The changes proposed with this filing will revise the tariff sheets to reflect the new company name.

This filing will have no revenue effect.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the filed tariffs be allowed to go into effect.