

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2001**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**  X  **EFFECTIVE DATE**  December 19, 2001

**DATE:** November 20, 2001

**TO:** Phil Nyegaard through Lance Ball

**FROM:** David Sloan

**SUBJECT:** VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.: (Advice No. 769)  
Extends the sunset date for Multi-Media Data Service

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission allow the filing to go into effect.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 15, 2001, Verizon Northwest, Inc. (the Company) filed Advice No. 769 proposing changes to its tariff P.U.C. OR. No. 18. The purpose of the filing is to extend the sunset date for Multi-Media Data Service (MMDS). The effective date of the filing is December 19, 2001.

The Company's Advice No. 698, approved by the Commission at its public meeting on August 8, 2000, grandfathered MMDS to existing customers as of August 9, 2000. The filing also included a sunset date of January 1, 2002 for offering MMDS. MMDS is obsolete and is being replaced by the Company's Transport LAN Connect (TLC) and other new service platforms.

Due to economic and technical issues occurring since August 9, 2000, three of the Company's MMDS customers have been unable to migrate to TLC or other new service platforms offered by the Company.

This filing extends the sunset date for offering MMDS to January 1, 2003 to allow MMDS customers additional time to migrate to new services.

The filing is consistent with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-022-0025, which permits a utility to make tariff changes and establishes the type of information a utility must submit with a tariff filing.

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The filing has no net annual revenue effect. It merely allows current MMDS customers additional time to address economic and technical issues involved in migration to new services. I recommend that the filing be allowed to go into effect.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The tariff sheets filed with Verizon Northwest, Inc.'s Advice No. 769 be allowed to go into effect for service rendered on and after December 19, 2001.