

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 22, 2006**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE August 24, 2006

DATE: August 10, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: David Sloan

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Phil Nyegaard and Lance Ball

SUBJECT: VERIZON NORTHWEST INC: (Advice No. 891) Grandfathers InWATS and OutWATS "B" Channel Configuration dedicated trunks provided with Integrated Service Digital Network - Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) Service.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the filing be allowed to go into effect.

DISCUSSION:

Verizon Northwest Inc filed Advice No. 891 on July 20, 2006, and Supplement A on July 31, 2006. The filing revises the company's tariff, PUC OR. No.18, by grandfathering InWATS and OutWATS¹ "B" Channel Configuration dedicated trunks provided with ISDN-PRI Service. Verizon currently has no customers for the grandfathered services. The reason that Verizon has experienced no demand for these services is probably because customers can subscribe to the services in other Verizon tariffs or they can purchase the services from alternative carriers.

The filing is in compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-032-0020, which permits the grandfathering of a regulated service, with no sunset date. Also, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 759.190 and OAR 860-022-0015, large telecommunications utilities may make changes to their tariff schedules by filing a Notice of Schedule Change with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the effective date. The original filing, Advice No. 891, was filed 34 days prior to the effective date.

¹ Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) is basically a discounted toll service.

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Supplement A was filed only 24 days prior to the effective date; however, it was accompanied by the required application to waive statutory notice.

From my analysis of the filing, I conclude that no customer is harmed by the late filing of Supplement A, and that the filing is not contrary to the public interest.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The application to waive statutory notice be approved and the tariff sheets filed with Verizon Northwest Inc's Advice No. 891 be allowed to go into effect for service rendered on or after August 24, 2006.