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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
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Re: UM 1265 -- Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Response to Motion for Reconsideration

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed is Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Response to Motion for Reconsideration in Docket No. UM 1265.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Green", written over a horizontal line.

James E. Green

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a copy of Verizon Northwest Inc.'s Response to Motion for Reconsideration in Docket UM 1265, by US Mail and electronic mail, to the parties on the attached service list.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2008.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF)
OREGON, INC. and AMERICAN CIVIL)
LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION OF)
OREGON, INC.,)

Complainants,)

v.)

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC., and)
QWEST CORPORATION,)

Defendants.)

Docket UM 1265

**VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION**

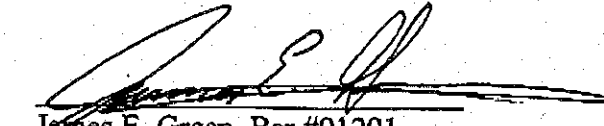
The request by the American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") in its Motion for Reconsideration dated January 11, 2008, that the Commission issue an order prohibiting the alteration or destruction of evidence is unnecessary. As the ACLU acknowledges (at pages 2-3), the federal judge overseeing the litigation involving many of the same allegations concerning carriers' alleged cooperation with the National Security Agency already issued a detailed order requiring Verizon and other parties "to take steps to prevent the alteration or destruction of evidence," including a requirement that parties submit a certification to the court concerning compliance with particular provisions of that order. Verizon already has submitted the requisite certification and obviously is bound to follow the court's order. As a result, any order by the

Commission would be unnecessarily duplicative, and there is not good cause for the Commission to reconsider its order rejecting the ACLU's Motion to Lift Abeyance Order.

DATED this 16th day of January, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.



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