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Attention: Filing Center
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Re: UM 1431 -- Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Indirect Transfer of Control of Verizon Northwest Inc.; Declaration of Stephen Edward Smith

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed are the original and five (5) copies of the Declaration of Stephen Edward Smith.

If you have any questions in regard to this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory M. Romano".

Gregory M. Romano

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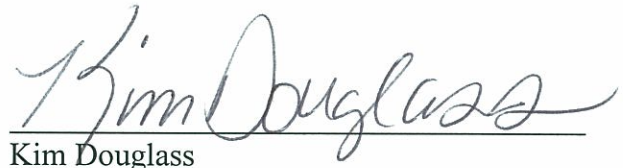
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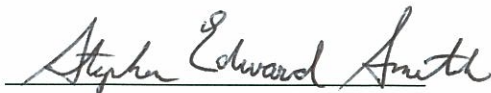
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In the Matter of)
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.,)
and FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS)
CORPORATION)
)
Joint Application for an Order Declining to)
Assert Jurisdiction, or, in the)
Alternative, to Approve the Indirect)
Transfer of Control of)
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.)

DECLARATION OF
STEPHEN E. SMITH

1. I am the same Stephen Edward Smith who caused to be prefiled my reply testimony in this proceeding as Exhibit VERIZON 300 dated November 16, 2009.
2. I hereby attest that my reply testimony is truthful, accurate and current to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. If I were asked the questions in my reply testimony live under oath I would give the answers set forth therein.

Declared under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon,



December 3, 2009

Stephen Edward Smith