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Subject: PROJECT NO. 26715 - 2002 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON FIVE-
YEAR PLAN TO ENHANCE SUPPLIER AND WORKFORCE DIVERSITY
FOR VERIZON SOUTHWEST

Dear Filing Clerk:

Verizon Southwest is requesting an extension of time for filing the Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity which is required under Substantive Rule §26.85(e). Verizon respectfully requests an extension for filing until January 2, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lisa McLaughlin at 512-370-4215.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. McLaughlin mgb

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