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**NOTICE EXTENDING TIME TO FILE ANSWER**

**(March 12, 2003)**

RE: Aronson-Campbell Industrial Supply, Inc., Complainant, v.  
MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., Respondent.  
Docket No. UT-030168

TO THE PARTIES:

On February 6, 2003, Aronson-Campbell Industrial Supply, Inc. ("Aronson-Campbell"), filed a formal complaint against MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. ("WorldCom"). The Commission opened this docket and served the complaint to WorldCom on February 11, 2003. WAC 480-09-425(3)(a) provides that a party must file an answer within twenty days after the complaint is filed, or Monday March 3, 2003.

On March 7, 2003, in-house counsel for WorldCom filed a letter requesting that the time for filing an answer be extended until Wednesday, March 12, 2003. WorldCom states that the complaint was served by mail to the company's office in San Francisco, and that it was transmitted to several offices before it was determined that the requesting counsel was the appropriate person to respond. WorldCom represents that Aronson-Campbell does not object to the request.

No proceedings have been formally scheduled or conducted prior to receipt of WorldCom's request. The Commission notes that the complainant does not object and, thus, no party is prejudiced by an extension of time. Further, the extension requested follows the request in short order. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause to grant WorldCom's request. WorldCom must file and serve its answer no later than Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary