February 20, 2004

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS SCHEDULING MATTERS (Set for March 10, 2004)

RE: In the Matter of the Review of Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates and Review of the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure

Docket No. UT-023003

TO THE PARTIES:

Evidentiary hearing in this case is scheduled to begin on May 24, 2004. In order to ensure an efficient hearing process, the following issues need to be addressed:

- The possibility of slightly altering the beginning date of the hearing.
- Establishing a post-hearing briefing schedule.
- Addressing the Commission policy advisor's access to and tutorial on cost models.

If there are any other issues the parties wish to raise, please notify all parties and the Commission in writing by March 3, 2004.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission will convene a prehearing conference in this case on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge