

April 28, 2004

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL
(By noon on Monday, May 3, 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 ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On April 20, 2004 Qwest, Commission Staff and AT&T filed a proposed settlement resolving issues related to Qwest's deaveraged loop rates. This settlement would remove from the recurring cost proceeding any remaining issues pertaining to Qwest. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Qwest accepts Staff's loop rate deaveraging proposal except for the "core and fringe" deaveraging proposal.

Covad supports the settlement. The settling parties represent that MCI and XO do not object to the agreement.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That any party who wishes to comment on or object to the proposed settlement may do so by noon on Monday, May 3, 2004.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge