

March 20, 2002

**NOTICE REQUESTING COMMENTS REGARDING DEFECTIVE FILING
OF MOTIONS IN PART D BY WORLDCOM
(Friday, March 22, 2002, at noon)**

RE: In the Matter of the Continued Costing and Pricing of Unbundled
Network Elements and Transport and Termination
Docket No. UT-003013

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

WorldCom, Inc., requested, on March 13, 2002, that the deadline for filing motions be extended to March 18, 2002, in order to thoroughly review and evaluate rebuttal testimony recently filed by Qwest Corporation. Qwest requested a similar extension of the deadline for filing answers to March 27, 2002. The Commission on March 14, 2002, served a notice to the parties granting the requests for extension of time ("Notice"). The Commission's Notice stated that parties may "fax file and serve motions and answers, provided that paper copies are filed and served on the next business day." Additionally, the Commission encouraged parties to provide all other parties and the presiding officer electronic versions of filings via email attachment, in addition to filing an electronic version along with paper copies.

WorldCom on March 18, 2002, sent an email to other parties and the Commission's Record Center explaining that electronic versions of WorldCom's Motion to Compel Demonstrations and Motion to File Surrebuttal Testimony were attached for filing, and that paper copies would be delivered via US mail. Certain exhibits to the motions were excluded from the attachments. WorldCom did not timely file and serve its motions as required by the Commission's Notice.

The Commission requests comments from parties regarding whether the Commission should reject WorldCom's documents for failure to comply with filing requirements. **Comments must be filed no later than Friday, March 22, 2002, at noon.** The parties may fax file and serve comments, provided that paper copies are filed and served on the next business day. Parties should include in the cover letter accompanying fax filed documents a statement that the Secretary has authorized fax filing. Parties must also provide an electronic version via email attachment to all other parties and the presiding officer at the time documents are faxed. Do not send email attachments to the Commission's Records Center.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary