December 27, 2004

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF BENCH REQUESTS NOS. 26 AND 27 (Responses due by Noon, December 29, 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:

The Commission issues the following Bench Request No. 26 to Verizon, AT&T and Commission Staff:

In Verizon's initial brief, the company represents that AT&T erred by dividing 2000 DEMS by the 2003 access line count. *Verizon initial brief at 115*. AT&T responded that its witness, Mr. Gillan, revised his testimony to use only data from the year 2000. *AT&T initial brief at 74*. Please explain which inputs to the HM 5.3 model should be modified so that the model uses the ratio of 2000 DEMS divided by 2000 access lines when developing traffic sensitive switching costs. Please show all data and calculations.

The Commission issues the following Bench Request No. 27 to Commission Staff, in light of the fact that Staff and AT&T are both proponents of the HM 5.3 model in this case:

Please provide detailed step-by-step instructions explaining how to map the output from the cost model(s) AT&T has sponsored in this proceeding to each UNE rate element for which AT&T has provided a cost estimate.

Please provide responses to these Bench Requests on or before noon, December 29, 2004. The responses may be provided electronically.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge