

July 11, 2000

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY
(July 26, 2000)**

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

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On July 10, 2000, GTE filed a petition to extend the July 14, 2000 deadline for Part B direct testimony and cost studies until two weeks after the Commission issues its pending prehearing conference order. GTE represents that other parties support the request but condition their support based on extensions of deadlines for filing responsive testimony.

The Commission finds good cause to extend the deadline for filing direct testimony from Friday, July 14, 2000, to Wednesday, July 26, 2000, and also finds that no other party is prejudiced by the extension. The Commission will consider subsequent requests for additional extensions of time based on their merits as presented. The Commissioners' calendars do not presently allow for any flexibility of the Part B hearing dates.

GTE indicates that the parties seek guidance from an order based on the June 23, 2000 prehearing conference. The Commission anticipates that the prehearing conference order will be entered on or before Friday, July 14, 2000.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the deadline for the filing of Part B direct testimony is extended from July 14, 2000 to **July 26, 2000**.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. BERG
Administrative Law Judge