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Mr. William P. Heaston  
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Re: Responses to Bench Request Nos. 43, 44, and 45,  
Docket Nos. UT-003022 and UT-003040

Dear Mr. Heaston:

I have received your letter of March 20, 2002, requesting an extension of time for McLeodUSA to respond to Bench Request Nos. 43, 44, and 45.

The request for an extension of time to respond until March 29, 2002, is granted.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge