

September 27, 2002

**NOTICE EXTENDING TIME FOR PARTIES TO FILE
RESPONSE TESTIMONY IN THE PART E PROCEEDING
(October 25, 2002)**

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

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On September 26, 2002, MCI/WorldCom, Inc., (“WorldCom”) requested an extension of time to file response testimony in the Part E proceeding from October 10, 2002, to October 25, 2002. WorldCom notes that neither Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) nor Verizon Northwest, Inc., (“Verizon”) filed nonrecurring cost studies supported by time and motion studies as part of the companies’ direct evidence in Part E, in apparent violation of the Part B Order. According to WorldCom, its response testimony will vary depending on whether the Commission requires Qwest and Verizon to file time and motion studies along with supplemental testimony. WorldCom contends that it would be burdensome to prepare response testimony that may not be relevant if Qwest and Verizon file supplemental testimony.

The Commission finds good cause to grant WorldCom’s request. The date for parties to file response testimony is extended from October 10, 2002, to October 25, 2002. A prehearing conference has been noticed to convene on October 10, 2002, at 11:30 a.m.. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to discuss the filing of supplemental direct testimony in Part E and the current procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. BERG
Administrative Law Judge