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**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
IN THE PART E PROCEEDING**

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 27, 2002, the Commission extended the date for parties to file response testimony in the Part E proceeding from October 10, 2002, to October 25, 2002. A Prehearing conference was convened on October 16, 2002, to discuss the filing of supplemental direct testimony and the current procedural schedule. At the conclusion of the conference, the Commission took under advisement several proposals for coordinating and addressing Part E issues with issues in Docket No. UT-023003 (the “new generic case”). Those proposals raise important issues that must be carefully considered by the Commission before a Part E procedural schedule can be established.

The Commission’s consideration of the parties’ proposals necessitates an additional delay in the Part E proceeding, and the Part E procedural schedule is suspended pending the Commission’s decisions. Further, parties agree that this additional delay minimally requires that the Part E hearing dates be extended.

The Commission therefore suspends the previously noticed Part E procedural schedule. Any future Part E procedural schedule will be noticed to parties.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. BERG
Administrative Law Judge