

August 13, 2004

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE RESPONSIVE TESTIMONY
(Due on Monday, August 30, 2004)**

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE REPLY TESTIMONY
(Due on Monday, October 25, 2004)**

RE: *WUTC v. Advanced Telecom Group, et al.*,
Docket No. UT-033011.

On Thursday, August 12, 2004, Commission Staff filed a settlement agreement with Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc. (Eschelon), as well as a narrative of the settlement agreement. The settlement agreement states that Eschelon may file responsive testimony in the proceeding. In the cover letter for the filing, Staff requests the Commission not take action on the settlement agreement until after Monday, August 30, 2004. Staff also requests an extension of time to file responsive testimony in the proceeding from Monday, August 16, 2004, until Monday, August 30, 2004.

On Friday, August 13, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted a letter to the Commission electronically stating that it does not object to an extension of time to file responsive testimony, but reserves the right to object to or move to dismiss Eschelon's responsive testimony. Qwest requests an extension of time to file reply testimony, now due on Monday, October 4, 2004, and requests that the hearings be rescheduled to allow parties additional time to engage in settlement negotiations.

Staff and Qwest's request for extensions of time to file responsive and reply testimony in this proceeding is granted. Staff has met the requirements under

WAC 480-07-385(3)(c) for an untimely request for extension of time, given the complex nature of the proceeding and the interest of Eschelon in filing responsive testimony in the proceeding. **The date for filing responsive testimony in this proceeding is extended from Monday, August 16, 2004 until Monday, August 30, 2004, and the date for filing reply testimony is extended from Monday, October 4, 2004, until Monday, October 25, 2004.** If necessary to accommodate further settlement negotiations and address any scheduling conflicts presented by the extensions of testimony filing dates, the Commission will entertain a joint proposal of the parties to reschedule the hearing dates in the proceeding

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge