

December 28, 2005

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER TO QWEST'S COUNTERCLAIMS**

(Due on Friday, January 6, 2006)

RE: *Tel West Communications, LLC v. Qwest Corporation*, Docket No. UT-053098.

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

Tel West's request for an extension of time to file its answer to Qwest's counterclaims until Friday, January 6, 2006, is granted.

On December 28, 2005, Tel West filed with the commission a request for an extension of time to file an answer to Qwest's counterclaims, filed with the commission on December 21, 2005. Tel West reports that Qwest agrees to the extension of time. Under WAC 480-07-650(2)(b), parties must file answers to petitions for enforcement within five business days after the petition is filed. The five business day rule applies in this proceeding: Tel West filed a petition for enforcement, and Qwest has filed counterclaims along with its answer. Under this rule, Tel West's answer is due today.

While Tel West's request for a continuance is filed late under WAC 480-07-385(3), the continuance is granted. The continuance does not affect the existing schedule or require rescheduling of the prehearing conference set for January 26, 2005.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge