

January 16, 2004

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY  
ADDRESSING THE BATCH HOT CUT PROCESS  
(Due on Friday, January 23, 2004)**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY  
ADDRESSING THE BATCH HOT CUT PROCESS  
(Due on Tuesday, February 17, 2004)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation to Initiate a Mass-Market Switching and Dedicated Transport Case Pursuant to the Triennial Review Order,*  
Docket No. UT-033044.

By letter sent electronically to the Commission on January 14, 2004, Qwest Corporation, WorldCom Inc., on behalf of its regulated subsidiaries, and DEICA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company, jointly request an extension of time to file direct testimony addressing the Batch Hot Cut Process from Tuesday, January 20, 2004, until Friday, January 23, 2004. These parties make the request to allow sufficient time to review all of the materials presented at the Forum held on January 6-8, 2004, and because transcripts of discussions in the Forum will not become available until January 15, 2004. Qwest has contacted the other participants in the Forum and no participant objects to the requested extension.

By notice dated November 3, 2003, the Commission endorsed a proposed regional Batch Hot Cut Forum, including the proposed schedule and procedural requirements. That schedule included a simultaneous filing date for direct testimony on the Batch Hot Cut Process for January 20, 2004, and a simultaneous filing date for rebuttal testimony on February 15, 2004. February 15 is a Sunday, and Monday, February 16 is the Presidents' Day holiday.

The agreed request demonstrates good cause under WAC 480-07-385 for a continuance, and does not appear to prejudice any party or the Commission. **The parties agreed request for an extension of time to file direct testimony addressing the Batch Hot Cut Process by Friday, January 23, 2004, is granted. This extension of time applies equally to all parties to the proceeding.**

Because the procedural schedule adopted on November 3, 2003, provides for filing rebuttal testimony on Sunday, February 15, 2004, and Monday, February 16, 2004, is a holiday, **the deadline for filing rebuttal testimony with the Commission addressing the Batch Hot Cut Process is changed to Tuesday, February 17, 2004.**

Consistent with the December 26, 2003, notice regarding requirements for filing testimony and exhibits in this proceeding, parties must file an original and 14 paper copies of testimony and exhibits with the Commission, regardless of whether the parties file testimony electronically.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge