

December 8, 2003

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF DISCOVERY FILING DEADLINE
(By Friday, December 12, 2003)**

RE: In the Matter of the Review of Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates and
Review of the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure
Docket No. UT-023003

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On December 5, 2003, MCI filed a motion requesting an extension of the deadline for providing discovery responses to Verizon and requesting an amendment to the protective order entered in this proceeding. The current discovery deadline is December 5, 2003. MCI indicates that it believes it will be able to have a response to the discovery requests by December 12, 2003 and that Verizon will not be prejudiced by this delay because there is sufficient time built into the schedule of proceedings to allow for it.

In light of the Commission's grant of a similar request from AT&T, it is reasonable to grant MCI's request and allow both parties an additional week to respond.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that MCI's deadline for the filing of discovery responses is extended from Friday, December 5, 2003 to Friday, December 12, 2003.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge