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RE: AT&T/U S WEST Arbitration; Case Nos.  USW-T-96-15, ATT-T-96-2

Dear Mr. Batt & Ms. Graham:

I spoke with each of you last Friday regarding the schedule for the Commission to issue a final Order in the U S WEST/AT&T arbitration case.  The Commission may require an additional period of time, perhaps two to three weeks, to review the record and issue a final Order.  Each of you indicated your understanding and acquiescence, which is appreciated.

I also spoke with Ms. Graham regarding the preparation of draft interconnection agreements to be provided to the arbitrator.  We agreed that AT&T could provide its draft agreement to Mr. Antonuk no later than Friday, July 11, 1997.  We also discussed the final draft response from U S WEST, and agreed U S WEST should submit its next draft after the Commission issues its Order.  Accordingly, U S WEST need not prepare a final draft of an agreement until one week after the Commission issues its final Order.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this schedule.

Sincerely,

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cc:John Antonuk

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