

deem appropriate to attempt to reach a stipulation regarding the appropriate batch hot cut process to be adopted by the Commission; (5) On January 20, 2004, the parties shall file any stipulation agreed to as a result of their informal negotiations, and direct testimony and exhibits on any unresolved issues; (6) On February 15, 2004, the parties shall file rebuttal testimony and exhibits.

5. We assign this matter to an Administrative Law Judge for further proceedings. Hearings shall be scheduled and conducted by the Administrative Law Judge.³

II. ORDER

A. **The Commission Orders That:**

1. This docket is opened for the purposes discussed above.
2. Qwest Corporation, AT&T of the Mountain States, Inc., and WorldCom, Inc. on behalf of its regulated subsidiaries (MCI) are now designated parties to this docket.
3. Interested persons may file requests for intervention within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
4. The procedures discussed above are adopted for this proceeding, and each of the parties shall comply with those procedures.
5. This matter is assigned to an Administrative Law Judge for further proceedings consistent with this decision.
6. This Order is effective immediately upon its Mailed Date.

³ If necessary to comply with FCC directives in the Triennial Review Order, we may enter an initial decision in this matter under § 40-6-109(6), C.R.S. We will timely notify the ALJ and the parties if such action is necessary.