

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of
an Interconnection Agreement Between

COMCAST PHONE OF WASHINGTON,
LLC,

and

LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY,
D/B/A TDS TELECOM

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252

DOCKET NO. UT-083055

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND SCHEDULE

1. Lewis River Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (“TDS”) and Comcast Phone of Washington, LLC (“Comcast”), by and through their respective counsel, hereby file this Joint Motion to Extend Schedule (“Motion”) in this matter.

2. As the Commission is aware, the parties are engaged in discovery with the goal of developing an agreed set of facts, at least to the extent that it may be possible to do so. However, under the current schedule, that goal will not be realized. In an effort to work towards that goal, the parties have agreed to an extension of the schedule of thirty days.

3. This means that if this Motion is granted, all dates on the current schedule would be extended thirty days. Please note that in some cases the dates are extended slightly more than thirty days to take into account weekends. The suggested hearing date is also adjusted to minimize weekend travel. The parties recognize that the hearing dates are subject to Commission availability, both as to the Arbitrator and as to hearing rooms. Subject to that caveat, the parties have agreed on the following schedule and recommend the schedule to the Commission:


Event	Prior Date	New Date
Notice by Parties of whether hearing is necessary	Thursday, December 18, 2008	Tuesday, January 20, 2009
If hearing is necessary:		
Simultaneous Initial Testimony	Monday, January 5, 2009	Thursday, February 5, 2009
Simultaneous Response Testimony	Friday, January 23, 2009	Monday, February 23, 2009
Parties file Cross-examination Exhibits, estimates of cross Examination, order of witnesses	Monday, February 2, 2009 by Noon	Friday, March 6, 2009 by Noon
Evidentiary Hearing	Wednesday, February 4 to Thursday, February 5, 2009	Tuesday, March 10 to Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	Friday, February 27, 2009	Monday, March 30, 2009
Arbitrator’s Decision	Friday, March 20, 2009	Monday, May 11, 2009
If no hearing is necessary:		
Simultaneous Cross-Motions For Summary Determination	Friday, January 30, 2009	Monday, March 2, 2009


Simultaneous Answers to Motions	Friday, February 20, 2009	Monday, March 23, 2009
Arbitrator's Decision	Friday, March 20, 2009	Monday, May 11, 2009

4. The parties recognize that this Motion would entail a need to extend the statutory date for the Commission's decision. To that end, Comcast represents to the Commission that it waives the old date for the Commission decision and accepts the new date of May 11, 2009. TDS represents to the Commission that it has no objection to this extension.

5. In conclusion, the parties respectfully request that the Commission grant this Motion. To the extent that the Commission needs to vary the schedule to adjust the hearing date to meet the Commission's schedule, the parties request that the hearing date be scheduled in as close proximity to the recommended date as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of December, 2008.


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