

[Service Date January 4, 2008]

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**NOTICE OF REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE;  
NOTICE OF REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE**

RE: *Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with Whidbey Telephone Company, Docket UT-073031*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On Monday, December 3, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 03 – Prehearing Conference Order*, in this matter. Order 03 set out the procedural schedule for this docket, including a hearing on the merits to be held on January 31 and February 1, 2008.

On Wednesday, January 2, 2008, Whidbey filed a letter requesting, on behalf of both parties, that the established procedural schedule be suspended and extended. The letter indicated that counsel for both parties were in agreement with this request due to the unforeseen unavailability of Mr. Snyder, a witness and attorney for Whidbey. The parties sought new dates for the arbitration hearing on the merits.

The parties' joint request to suspend and extend the existing procedural schedule is granted. The request complies with the requirements in WAC 480-07-385 for such requests, and will not prejudice the parties or the Commission. The hearing will be rescheduled for February 26, 27 & 28, 2008. Further, the Commission revises the procedural schedule for the remaining milestone dates in this docket as follows:

Commission Order on "Threshold Issues"	January 18, 2008
Disclosure of Witness Lists (both parties)	January 25, 2008
Depositions (both parties)	Weeks of January 28, 2008, through February 15, 2008

Arbitration Hearing	February 26-28, 2008
Post-Hearing Opening Briefs	March 14, 2008
Post-Hearing Response Briefs	March 24, 2008
Commission Arbitrator's Report	April 9, 2008

***NOTICE OF REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE.*** As noted above, the Commission will hold the hearing on the merits of this matter, to begin on **Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 108 of the Commission's headquarters, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The hearing will continue on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.,** and be completed, as necessary, on **Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.,** in the same location.

An updated "Appendix B" to Order 03 is attached to this Notice and supplants that previously issued with Order 03. All other provisions of Order 03 will remain in effect, including the requirement in ¶ 10 that parties file an original plus three (3) copies of all documents with the Commission (*vice original and twelve copies referenced in Whidbey's most recent letter*).

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM  
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX B (to Order 03)**  
**REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**  
**DOCKET UT-073031**

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
<i>Prehearing Conference</i>	<i>Monday, November 26, 2007</i>	—
<i>Opening “Threshold Issues” Brief and Supporting Affidavit (Sprint)</i>	<i>Friday, December 7, 2007</i>	<i>11 Days</i>
<i>Response Brief re: “Threshold Issues” (Whidbey)</i>	<i>Monday, December 17, 2007</i>	<i>10 Days</i>
<i>Disputed Issues Lists (both parties)</i>	<i>Friday, December 21, 2007</i>	<i>4 Days</i>
<b>Commission Order on “Threshold Issues”</b>	<b>Friday, January 18, 2008</b>	<b>28 Days</b>
<b>Witness Lists (both parties)</b>	<b>Friday, January 25, 2008</b>	<b>7 Days</b>
<b>Witness Depositions (3 week period)</b>	<b>Monday, January 28, 2008, through Friday, February 15, 2008</b>	<b>3 Days</b>
<b>Hearing on the Merits</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, through Thurs, February 28th, 2008</b>	<b>~11 Days</b>
<b>Post-Hearing Opening Briefs</b>	<b>Friday, March 14, 2008</b>	<b>15 Days</b>
<b>Post Hearing Response Briefs</b>	<b>Monday, March 24, 2008</b>	<b>10 Days</b>
<b>Commission Arbitrator’s Report and Decision</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 9, 2008</b>	<b>16 Days</b>