

February 15, 2008

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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

TO ALL PARTIES:

On January 8, 2008, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a revised hearing schedule in this matter. The notice set out a hearing on the merits to be held on February 27 – 29, 2008. Also, Order 02 previously issued in this matter, provided for post-hearing briefs to be filed in March 2008.

On January 30, 2008, counsel for Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) informed the Commission that the parties had reached agreement on the terms of an interconnection agreement (ICA). At that time, the parties indicated that they would *not* be filing witness lists as required by the procedural schedule, but would instead be submitting the negotiated ICA within a matter of days. To date, the parties have not filed their ICA with the Commission.

On February 1, 2008, Whidbey Telephone Company (Whidbey), filed a Petition for Interlocutory Review of certain matters decided in Order 04. In accordance with the deadline set by the Commission, Sprint filed its Opposition to Petition for Interlocutory Review on February 13, 2008. The Commission has not yet ruled on these pleadings.

On February 14, 2008, the parties confirmed that they have reached agreement on a negotiated ICA and that the ICA should be filed with the Commission during the week of February 18-22. Therefore, no hearing on the merits is necessary in this docket. However, the parties recognize that additional briefing on remaining legal issues, if any, may yet be necessary. The full extent of such briefing will be

determined by the Commission's action on Whidbey's Petition for Interlocutory Review.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission strikes the February 27-29, 2008, hearing dates from the procedural schedule in this docket and suspends all further briefing requirements and deadlines until after the Commission resolves Whidbey's Petition for Interlocutory Review.

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Arbitrator / Administrative Law Judge