

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

In the Matter of the Development of)	
Universal Terms and Conditions for)	DOCKET NO. UT-011219
Interconnection and Network)	
Elements to be Provided by)	
)	TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.)	
)	ESTABLISHING REVISED
)	SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS
.....)	

1 **Proceeding.** This matter involves a request that the Commission direct Verizon to provide persons requesting interconnection agreements with Verizon some generally available terms, and that the Commission review the terms for compliance with pertinent law.

2 **Background.** In its Eighth Supplemental Order, the Commission established a revised schedule of proceedings for this case pursuant to the request of the parties. The reason for the requested schedule change was the demand on the parties' resources created by the pending Triennial Review proceeding at the Commission. The revised schedule indicated that a prehearing conference would be convened on July 9, 2004.

3 **Appearances.** Catherine Kane Ronis, attorney, Washington, D.C., represents Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon). Letty S.D. Friesen, attorney, Denver, Colorado, and Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle, WA, represent AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. Gregory J. Kopta represents Fox Communications Corp. (Fox), Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC (Time Warner); and XO Washington, Inc. (XO). Dennis D. Ahlers, attorney, Minneapolis, MN, represents Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon). Michel Singer-Nelson, attorney, Denver, Colorado, represents WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom). Karen J. Johnson, attorney, represents Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. (Integra). Gregory Trautman,

Assistant Attorney General, represents Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff (Commission Staff).

4 **Prehearing conference.** At the prehearing conference convened on July 9, 2004, the primary focus of attention was scheduling. The parties requested that the Commission continue this proceeding to allow them to conduct further negotiations to attempt to resolve issues related to unbundled network elements and performance measures. The parties proposed that hearing be continued from October 2004 to May 2005. No party opposed the requested continuance.

5 **Discussion and decision.** The Commission recognizes that the telecommunications industry is in a state of flux due to recent Federal Communications Commission and federal court orders. Furthermore, several proceedings involving Verizon are now pending before the Commission, in addition to the many other cases that also demand the Commission's attention. Resolution of issues in this proceeding by means of negotiation would make the best use of the Commission's and the parties' limited resources. In light of these considerations, it is reasonable to continue the hearing as requested by the parties. However the Commission cautions the parties that this case will not be postponed indefinitely and that further requests for continuance may not be granted. The revised schedule of proceedings is as follows:

February 7, 2005	Initial testimony filed
March 14, 2005	Response testimony filed
April 4, 2005	Rebuttal testimony filed
April 26, 2005	Exhibit lists submitted
April 28, 2005	Prehearing conference

May 2-11, 2005	Hearing
June 13, 2005	Initial briefs
June 27, 2005	Reply briefs

ORDER

- 6 The parties' request to continue this proceeding is granted and the schedule of proceedings is revised as indicated in the body of this Order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of July, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.