

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the )  
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Continued Costing and Pricing of Unbundled ) Docket No. UT-003013  
Network Elements, Transport, Termination, )  
and Resale )

**GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED’S PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR PHASE B TESTIMONY**

GTE Northwest Incorporated (“GTE”), by counsel, hereby requests that the Commission grant the parties an extension of the deadline for Phase B direct testimony and cost studies until two weeks after the Commission issues its Pre-Hearing Conference Order. At the June 23, 2000 Pre-hearing Conference and in its follow-up letter to the Commission on the scope of Phase B, GTE indicated that it could be prepared to move forward with the current schedule. However, GTE anticipated that the Commission would issue an Order outlining the scope of Phase B far enough in advance to permit the parties to finalize its direct testimony. The Commission has yet to issue such an Order. Under these circumstances, the present schedule will require the parties to speculate as to what issues must be addressed in direct testimony. GTE prefers instead to await Commission guidance on the scope of Phase B. Otherwise, the parties will have to file supplemental direct testimony, which will further delay Phase B proceedings to allow the parties adequate time to prepare comprehensive responsive testimony.

GTE has conferred with most of the parties in this proceeding,<sup>1</sup> and none have objected to an extension of the direct testimony deadline. However, Commission Staff and Sprint specifically conditioned their support of an extension on an equal extension of the deadline for responsive direct

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<sup>1</sup> GTE was unable to reach counsel for AT&T, WorldCom, and Public Counsel.

testimony. Consequently, GTE proposes that the Commission alter the testimony deadlines as follows:

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| Direct Testimony     | - Two weeks after service of Pre-Hearing Conference Order |
| Responsive Testimony | - Eight weeks after direct testimony filed                |
| Rebuttal Testimony   | - Two weeks after responsive testimony filed              |

GTE recognizes that its proposed schedule will result in a change in the Phase B hearing dates, but feels that such a schedule is the most efficient way to permit the parties adequate time to prepare testimony to reflect the scope of Phase B ordered by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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