

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

In the Matter of the Petition for	)	DOCKET UT-063061
Arbitration of an Interconnection)	
Agreement between	)	ORDER 05
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	GRANTING JOINT REQUEST TO
	)	VACATE PROCEDURAL
and	)	SCHEDULE, ADOPT A REVISED
	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
v.	)	AND SCHEDULE A
	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.)	
	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b).	)	CONFERENCE
	)	(Scheduled for November 6, 2006,
	)	1:30 p.m.)
)	
	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
.....	)	(Scheduled for January 23, 2007)

MEMORANDUM

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Docket UT-063061 involves Qwest Corporation’s (Qwest) request for arbitration of an interconnection agreement with Eschelon Telecom, inc., (Eschelon) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington, on September 15, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark. In Order 02 Prehearing Conference Order, the Commission established a procedural schedule. The procedural schedule was modified, at the request of the parties, by Order 04.
- 3 **MOTION:** On October 11, 2006, the parties filed a joint request to vacate the procedural schedule, adopt a revised procedural schedule, and schedule a prehearing conference to establish additional procedural deadlines, as necessary.

- 4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The joint motion to vacate the current procedural schedule is granted. Both parties concur that the schedule should be vacated so no party will be adversely affected by this action. Moreover, the parties waived the nine-month deadline for the Commission to issue an Arbitrator's Report and Order, so this action will not adversely affect the Commission's ability to render a decision in a timely manner. The procedural schedule proposed by the parties is reasonable and should be adopted. The revised procedural schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A.
- 5 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** The joint request to schedule a prehearing conference to establish additional procedural deadlines is granted. A **prehearing conference** is scheduled to convene on **November 6, 2006, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line **360-664-3846**.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 11, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKET UT-063061**

EVENT	CURRENT DATE	REVISED DATE
Prehearing Conference	Not Scheduled	November 6, 2006
Prefiled Responsive Testimony and Exhibits	October 13, 2006	December 4, 2006
Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits	October 27, 2006	January 12, 2007
Parties must e-mail to ALJ their estimated cross examination times, the preferred order of witnesses, and a list of any cross-examination exhibits	November 21, 2006	To be determined
Parties must distribute to other parties and the Commission paper copies of all cross-examination exhibits	November 21, 2006	To be determined
Disputed Issue Matrix Separating Legal and Factual Issues	Not Scheduled	To be determined
Evidentiary hearings	November 28, 29, and 30, 2006, and December 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2006	January 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, and February 1 and 2, 2007
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	January 19, 2007	To be determined
Simultaneous Responsive Briefs	February 16, 2007	To be determined
Arbitrator's Report and Order	May 16, 2007	To be determined
Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	June 18, 2007	To be determined

EVENT	CURRENT DATE	REVISED DATE
Proposed Interconnection Agreement/Answers to Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	July 18, 2007	To be determined
Oral Argument Before Commissioners	To be determined	
Commission Decision	To be determined	