

**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 06
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
	)	ORDER
and	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF PREHEARING</b>
ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.	)	<b>CONFERENCE</b>
	)	<b>(Scheduled for January 25, 2007,</b>
	)	<b>1:30 p.m.)</b>
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b).	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
	)	<b>(Scheduled for January 29, 2007,</b>
	)	<b>9:30 a.m.)</b>
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**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 November 6, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark. In Order 05, Prehearing Conference Order, the Commission established a modified procedural schedule at the request of the parties. That procedural schedule did not include all necessary deadlines. At the request of the parties, a second prehearing conference was scheduled to establish additional procedural deadlines.

- 3 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** The prehearing conference convened, as scheduled, on November 6, 2006. At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to additional procedural deadlines.
- 4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The additional procedural deadlines proposed by the parties are reasonable and should be adopted. The revised procedural schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A.
- 5 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** A **prehearing conference** to mark exhibits and address any other matters that would aid in the efficient and expeditious conduct of this proceeding is scheduled to convene on **January 25, 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 November 7, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge

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

EVENT	CURRENT DATE	REVISED DATE
Prefiled Responsive Testimony and Exhibits	October 13, 2006	<b>December 4, 2006</b>
Disputed Issue Matrix Separating Legal and Factual Issues	To be determined	<b>December 20, 2006</b>
Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits	October 27, 2006	<b>January 12, 2007</b>
Parties must e-mail to ALJ their estimated cross-examination times, the preferred order of witnesses, and a list of any cross-examination exhibits	To be determined	<b>January 23, 2007</b>
Parties must distribute to other parties and the Commission paper copies of all cross-examination exhibits	To be determined	<b>January 23, 2007</b>
Prehearing Conference to mark exhibits	Not scheduled	<b>January 25, 2007</b>
Evidentiary hearings	<b>January 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, and February 1 and 2, 2007<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>January 29, 30, 31, and February 1 and 2, 2007</b>
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	To be determined	<b>March 6, 2007</b>
Simultaneous Responsive Briefs	To be determined	<b>April 3, 2007</b>
Arbitrator's Report and Order	To be determined	<b>July 3, 2007</b>

<sup>1</sup> At the prehearing conference, the parties stated that, based on their experience in other jurisdictions, it would be reasonable to schedule this matter for five days of hearing. Accordingly, the hearing dates of January 23, 24, 25, and 26, 2007, are vacated.

EVENT	CURRENT DATE	REVISED DATE
Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	To be determined	<b>August 3, 2007</b>
Proposed Interconnection Agreement/Answers to Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	To be determined	<b>September 4, 2007</b>
Oral Argument Before Commissioners	To be determined	<b>To be determined</b>
Commission Decision	To be determined	<b>To be determined</b>