

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

McLEODUSA)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	DOCKET UT-063013
SERVICES, INC.,)	
)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
v.)	ORDER
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket UT-063013 involves a petition for enforcement of an interconnection agreement, filed by McLeodUSA against Qwest Corporation.

2 **CONFERENCE.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on March 23, 2006, before Administrative Law Judge C. Robert Wallis.

3 **APPEARANCES.** Gregory Kopta, Davis Wright Tremaine, attorney, Seattle, Washington, represents McLeodUSA, the petitioner. Lisa Anderl, Associate general counsel, Qwest Corporation, represents respondent Qwest Corporation. Contact information provided at the conference for the parties’ representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

4 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** No party petitioned for intervention in this matter.

5 **PROTECTIVE ORDER.** A protective order will be entered in this docket.

6 **DISCOVERY.** The parties asked that the discovery rules be invoked in this docket, under WAC 480-07-400. The matter is one that qualifies for discovery, and the discovery rules WAC 480-07-400 – 425 are invoked.

7 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Direct evidence filed: April 28, 2006

Answering evidence filed: May 26, 2006

Rebuttal evidence filed: June 6, 2006

Hearing: June 13,¹ 2006

Simultaneous briefs: July 14, 2006

8 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file an original plus **five** copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform with the format and publication guidelines set forth in WAC 480-07-395 and 480-07-460, and must be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.

9 All filings must be mailed to the Commission Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, or delivered (by hand or courier) to the Commission's Records Center at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, 98504. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.

¹ The parties estimate that the hearing will require no more than two days. July 14 is reserved for use, if needed..

- 10 An electronic copy of all filings must be provided by e-mail delivery to <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette including the filed document(s). Parties furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 or later, and in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Parties must organize and identify electronic files as specified in WAC 480-07-140(5).
- 11 **ELECTRONIC FILING.** Parties may only file documents electronically with the Commission in this proceeding with the permission of the administrative law judge. Under WAC 480-07-145(6), electronic filing of documents provides a one-day extension of the paper-filing requirement. If, at any time during this proceeding, parties are authorized to file documents with the Commission electronically under WAC 480-07-145(6), Parties must present documents through the Commission's web portal or submit the document to records@wutc.wa.gov, and in addition file an original, plus **five** copies, of the document with the Commission by the following business day.
- 12 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1142.
- 13 **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.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 24, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

**PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES
DOCKET UT-063013**

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APPENDIX B
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKET UT-063013

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Direct evidence filed	April 28, 2006	
Answering evidence filed	May 26, 2006	28 days
Rebuttal evidence filed	June 6, 2006	11 days
Hearing	June 13, ² 2006, 9:30 a.m., Room 108	7 days
Simultaneous briefs	July 14, 2006	31 days

² The parties estimate that the hearing will require no more than two days. July 14 is reserved for use, if needed..