

ISSUED: September 5, 2003

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In The Matter Of The Investigation To)
Determine, Pursuant To Order Of The)
Federal Communications Commission,)
Whether Impairment Exists In Particular)
Markets If Local Circuit Switching For)
Mass Market Customers Is No Longer)
Available As An Unbundled Network)
Element.)

**NOTICE OF FIRST
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold the first prehearing conference in this matter as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, October 1, 2003

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Public Utility Commission Bldg.
Main Hearing Room - 1st Floor
550 Capitol St. NE
Salem, Oregon

ADMINISTRATIVE

LAW JUDGES: Samuel J. Petrillo / Allan J. Arlow

At the conference, the ALJs will develop a service list of parties and interested persons and establish a procedural schedule. Those seeking party status are encouraged to file a petition to intervene as soon as possible. The procedural schedule adopted at the conference will be designed to enable the Commission to complete this docket within the 9 month time period specified by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Order FCC 03-36.

In Order 03-36, the FCC made a national finding that competitive local exchange carriers are impaired unless they have access to unbundled local circuit switching to serve mass market customers (*i.e.*, residential and very small business

customers). Among other things, the Commission was delegated the responsibility to identify particular geographic markets within Oregon to determine if there are markets where competitive carriers are not impaired without unbundled switching. Participants at the conference should be prepared to discuss and, if possible, reach consensus upon, the geographic markets that should be considered by the Commission in conducting its impairment analysis.

POSTPONEMENT will be made only upon a showing of good cause. Please call the Administrative Hearings Division (503) 378-2849 if you have questions.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2003.

Lee Beyer

John Savage

Ray Baum

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT WILL LIMIT YOUR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS HEARING, PLEASE LET US KNOW (503) 378-2849.