

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

ADVANCED TELECOM, INC. d/b/a	)	DOCKET UT-111254
INTEGRA; ELECTRIC	)	
LIGHTWAVE, LLC d/b/a INTEGRA;	)	
ESCHELON TELECOM OF	)	ORDER 05
WASHINGTON, INC d/b/a	)	
INTEGRA TELECOM; OREGON	)	
TELECOM INC. d/b/a	)	ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S
WASHINGTON TELECOM d/b/a	)	REQUEST TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
INTEGRA; UNICOM f/k/a UNITED	)	SCHEDULE
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a	)	
INTEGRA; MCLEODUSA	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
SERVICES L.L.C. d/b/a PAETEC	)	
BUSINESS SERVICES; AND TW	)	
TELECOM OF WASHINGTON LLC,	)	
	)	
Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION AND	)	
CENTURYLINK, INC.,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	
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**MEMORANDUM**

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** On July 12, 2011, Advanced Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Integra; Electric Lightwave, LLC d/b/a Integra; Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc d/b/a Integra Telecom; Oregon Telecom Inc. d/b/a Washington Telecom d/b/a Integra; Unicom f/k/a United Communications, Inc. d/b/a Integra<sup>1</sup>; McLeodUSA

<sup>1</sup> These companies are collectively referred to as Integra.

Telecommunications Services L.L.C. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services (PAETEC); and tw telecom of washington llc (tw telecom)<sup>2</sup> filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a complaint against Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and CenturyLink, Inc. (collectively with Qwest, the Merged Company). Joint CLECs allege that the Merged Company has violated the terms of various settlement agreements approved in Order 14 in Docket UT-100820 regarding operational support systems (OSS) used for maintenance and repair.

2 The Commission convened a prehearing conference on August 25, 2011. During the prehearing conference, the parties advised the Commission that they had agreed on a proposed procedural schedule. On August 26, 2011, the Commission entered Order 01 adopting the procedural schedule proposed by the parties.

3 **MOTION.** On November 7, 2011, the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff) filed a letter requesting that the Commission modify the procedural schedule (Motion). In its Motion, Staff asks that the remaining testimony deadlines be extended as follows:

- Staff's direct/responsive testimony and exhibits would be due on November 30, 2011, instead of November 10, 2011, and
- Joint CLECs' and the Merged Company's responsive testimony and exhibits would be due December 15, 2011, instead of December 9, 2011.

Staff asserts that Joint CLECs and the Merged Company join in the Motion. In addition, Staff states that the Motion will not affect the date set for the evidentiary hearing.

4 **Discussion/Decision.** Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385(2), the Commission will grant a timely request for a continuance to which all parties agree unless it is inconsistent

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with the public interest or the Commission's administrative needs.<sup>3</sup> The request is not inconsistent with the public interest. Further, as the evidentiary hearing date is not affected, Staff's request is not inconsistent with the Commission's administrative needs.

- 5 The Commission's rules also require that a continuance request contain a specific date to which the deadline is being extended. Staff has met this requirement. The Motion is not inconsistent with the public interest or the Commission's administrative needs, and it includes a specific date by which the deadlines should be extended. Thus, Staff's Motion should be granted.

**ORDER**

- 6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Staff's request to modify the procedural schedule is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 8, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>3</sup> Our rule, WAC 480-07-385(3)(a), requires that a requesting party file a motion for continuance at least five business days prior to the deadline as to which the continuance is requested. While Staff's Motion was filed less than the five business days required, Staff's oversight does not appear to have caused the other parties to be disadvantaged.