

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

PACIFIC BELL WIRELESS	)	DOCKET UT-063048
NORTHWEST, LLC (a/k/a	)	
CINGULAR WIRELESS),	)	ORDER 03
	)	
Complainant,	)	GRANTING JOINT REQUEST
	)	FOR CONTINUANCE AND
v.	)	SUSPENSION OF
	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	
.....	)	

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC, more commonly known as Cingular Wireless (Cingular) filed a formal complaint against Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Cingular alleged that Qwest improperly billed Cingular from August 2003 through October 2005 for signaling System 7 (SS7) service on all local calls exchanged between the companies in violation of the parties’ interconnection agreement. Qwest disputed the allegations and asserted that much of the service involves interstate circuits outside the Commission’s jurisdiction and services provided under tariff, not under an interconnection agreement.
  
- 2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** The Commission held a prehearing conference in these dockets at Olympia, Washington, on August 14, 2006, before Administrative Law Judges Dennis J. Moss and Patricia Clark. In Order 02 Prehearing Conference Order, the Commission established a procedural schedule.
  
- 3 **MOTION:** On September 28, 2006, the parties filed a joint motion for continuance and suspension of the procedural schedule to enable the parties to devote their efforts to settlement negotiations. The parties further requested that they be required to file

either a settlement agreement or report on the status of the negotiations on or before November 1, 2006.

4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The joint motion for continuance should be granted and the remainder of the procedural schedule suspended. The parties stated good cause, additional time to devote to settlement negotiations, to grant the request for continuance and suspension of the remainder of the procedural schedule.

5 By November 1, 2006, the parties will either file a settlement agreement or report on the status of their settlement negotiations. If the parties are unable to reach agreement, a second prehearing conference will be convened to establish a revised procedural schedule.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) The joint motion for continuance and suspension of the procedural schedule is granted.
- (2) By November 1, 2006, the parties shall file a settlement agreement or report on the status of their settlement negotiations. The revised procedural schedule is set forth in Appendix A to this Order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 29, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A  
REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKET UT-063048**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CURRENT DEADLINE</b>	<b>REVISED DEADLINE</b>
<b>Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Cingular</b>	<b>September 29, 2006</b>	Suspended
<b>Prefiled Responsive Testimony and Exhibits of Qwest</b>	<b>November 15, 2006</b>	Suspended
<b>Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Cingular</b>	<b>December 20, 2006</b>	Suspended
<b>Hearing</b>	<b>January 24, 2007</b>	Suspended
<b>Final Order</b>	<b>April 17, 2007</b>	Suspended
<b>Settlement Agreement or Report on Status of Settlement Negotiations</b>		<b>November 1, 2006</b>