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1 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION

2 COMMISSION

3 In the Matter of the Petition )  
4 for Arbitration and Approval )  
5 of an Interconnection )  
6 Agreement Between ) DOCKET NO. UT-093035  
7 NORTH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS ) Volume II  
8 CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON ) Pages 9 - 14  
9 and )  
10 QWEST CORPORATION )  
11 Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. )  
12 Section 252(b) )  
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11 A prehearing conference in the above matter  
12 was held on October 20, 2009, at 1:28 p.m., at 1300  
13 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Olympia,  
14 Washington, before Administrative Law Judge PATRICIA  
15 CLARK.

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The parties were present as follows:

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19 bridge line), Associate General Counsel, 1600 Seventh  
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22 WASHINGTON, by CHRIS REICHMAN, (via bridge line),  
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25 Kathryn T. Wilson, CCR  
Court Reporter

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE CLARK: Good afternoon. It's  
3 approximately 1:30 p.m., October 20th, 2009, in the  
4 Commission's hearing room in Olympia, Washington. This  
5 is the time and the place set for a prehearing  
6 conference in the matter of the petition for  
7 arbitration of an interconnection agreement between  
8 North County Communications Corporation of Washington  
9 and Qwest Corporation, pursuant to 47 USC,  
10 Section 252(b), Patricia Clark presiding. Case number  
11 in this matter is Docket UT-093035.

12 The record should reflect that the presiding  
13 judge assigned to this case, Ann E. Rendahl, is unable  
14 to preside today due to illness, and therefore, I am  
15 standing in in her stead exclusively for this one  
16 prehearing conference.

17 This matter came before the Commission on  
18 August 3rd, 2009, on petition by Qwest for arbitration  
19 of an interconnection agreement with North County  
20 Telecommunications of Washington pursuant to 47 USC,  
21 Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.  
22 The prehearing conference in this matter was scheduled  
23 by Order No. 2 served on all parties on September 2nd,  
24 2009, and rescheduled by notice served October 5, 2009.

25 At this time, I'll take appearances on behalf

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1 of the parties. The record should reflect that both  
2 Qwest and North County Communications are appearing  
3 telephonically, and therefore, I need each party to  
4 state who is speaking before you proceed with whatever  
5 appearance you are entering so that the court reporter  
6 will be able to distinguish for the transcript. I'll  
7 start with Qwest.

8 MS. ANDERL: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
9 This is Lisa Anderl appearing on behalf of Qwest. I'm  
10 an in-house attorney, and I have previously entered a  
11 full appearance in this matter.

12 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Appearing on behalf  
13 of North County Communications?

14 MR. REICHMAN: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
15 My name is Chris Reichman. The last name is spelled  
16 R-e-i-c-h-m-a-n. I'm appearing on behalf of North  
17 County Communications, and I'm with the firm of Dicks  
18 and Workman in San Diego, California.

19 JUDGE CLARK: For the record, Mr. Reichman,  
20 could you give me the fax number of Dicks and Workman?

21 MR. REICHMAN: Yes, Your Honor. It is (619)  
22 288-0250.

23 JUDGE CLARK: I understand that Mr. Joseph G.  
24 Dicks will also you entering an appearance in this  
25 matter. Can you give me Mr. Dicks's e-mail address,

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1 please?

2 MR. REICHMAN: That is  
3 jdicks@dicks-workmanlaw.com.

4 JUDGE CLARK: Your address, Mr. Reichman, I  
5 assume would be the first initial and then the same  
6 e-mail?

7 MR. REICHMAN: Actually, mine is  
8 chris\_reichman@yahoo.com.

9 JUDGE CLARK: I'm glad I asked. For this  
10 afternoon's prehearing conference, I have a very short  
11 agenda, and the first item I have on the agenda is a  
12 report on the status of the negotiations between the  
13 parties.

14 MR. REICHMAN: Your Honor, the negotiations  
15 between the parties seem to be going well, especially  
16 as to this case. There are technical questions  
17 regarding a group of C-1 trunks in Arizona that seem to  
18 be holding up negotiations at this point, but overall,  
19 I think we've reached a working agreement with Qwest as  
20 to every major point, and we are just trying to work  
21 out this last issue.

22 MS. ANDERL: Your Honor, I would agree from  
23 the e-mail traffic that I've seen; although, I don't  
24 know if I've been copied on all of it, that that does  
25 appear to be the case, so we would be willing to

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1 continue to hold things in abeyance for another 30 days  
2 to see if things can be worked out without a formal  
3 proceeding.

4 MR. REICHMAN: And, of course, we at North  
5 County would agree.

6 JUDGE CLARK: 30 days?

7 MS. ANDERL: Yes.

8 JUDGE CLARK: That's going to make my job  
9 very simple this afternoon. It sounds to me like a  
10 reasonable course of action would be to simply  
11 reschedule this matter for a status conference in  
12 approximately 30 days. Do either of the parties have  
13 an objection to that course of action?

14 MR. REICHMAN: No objection, Your Honor.

15 MS. ANDERL: No, Your Honor.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Would November 20th be workable  
17 for a status conference for both parties?

18 MR. REICHMAN: Yes, Your Honor.

19 MS. ANDERL: Yes, Your Honor.

20 JUDGE CLARK: Do you have a preference  
21 regarding the time of day I should schedule that for?

22 MS. ANDERL: The morning works better for  
23 Qwest.

24 MR. REICHMAN: Let me check the calendar real  
25 quick here. Actually, the afternoon, unfortunately,

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1 works better for NCC on Fridays because Dicks and  
2 Workman is in litigation, and Fridays are court days  
3 here.

4 MS. ANDERL: That's fine. Better if not a  
5 mandate.

6 MR. REICHMAN: Basically, any time after  
7 eleven o'clock is fine, but Friday, the San Diego  
8 Superior and Federal District Court use Friday as their  
9 motion and appearance days.

10 JUDGE CLARK: So, Ms. Anderl, would you be  
11 available if I scheduled this at 1:30 on November 20th?

12 MS. ANDERL: Yes.

13 JUDGE CLARK: Is there anything further we  
14 should consider on this afternoon's record?

15 MR. REICHMAN: I think that covers it.

16 MS. ANDERL: Nothing else for Qwest, Your  
17 Honor.

18 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you both very much. We  
19 are adjourned.

20 (Prehearing conference adjourned at 1:35 p.m.)

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