

November 6, 2007

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND

RE: *Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with Whidbey Telephone Company, Docket UT-073031*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On Monday, October 29, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 01 – Order on Arbitration Procedure; Appointment of Arbitrator; Notice of Prehearing Conference*, in this matter. Order 01 acknowledged that Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) had filed a request for arbitration and, among other things, set a deadline of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, for Whidbey Telephone Company (Whidbey) to file its response to the petition.

On November 2, 2007, Whidbey filed and served a Motion for an Order of Dismissal for Lack of Jurisdiction. Under the Commission’s rules, WAC 480-07-380(1)(c), responses to motions to dismiss are due within ten (10) days after service of the motion. However, as Veterans’ Day is officially observed on Monday, November 12, 2007, **the deadline for Sprint to file its response to the motion to dismiss shall be Tuesday, November 13, 2007.**

On Monday, November 5, 2007, Whidbey filed a letter requesting that its deadline to respond to Sprint’s petition be extended until after the Commission enters a decision on its motion to dismiss. The Commission intends to respond to Whidbey’s letter no later than Friday, November 9, 2007. Therefore, if Sprint wishes its position on this procedural matter to be considered, **Sprint must electronically submit its response, if any, via the Commission’s Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) and also by e-mail to records@utc.wa.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, November 8, 2007. Sprint must then file paper copies of its response the following day.**

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge