

[Service Date January 12, 2007]

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

In the Matter of the Petition for	)	DOCKET UT-063061
Arbitration of an Interconnection	)	
Agreement between	)	ORDER 09
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
	)	ORDER
and	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF PREHEARING</b>
ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.	)	<b>CONFERENCE</b>
	)	<b>(Scheduled for May 3, 2007, 1:30</b>
	)	<b>p.m.)</b>
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b).	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
	)	<b>(Scheduled for May 7, 2007, 9:30</b>
	)	<b>a.m.)</b>
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**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Docket UT-063061 involves Qwest Corporation’s (Qwest) request for arbitration of an interconnection agreement with Eschelon Telecom, Inc., (Eschelon) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
  
- 2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** On January 4, 2007, the Administrative Law Judge held an informal conference with the parties to discuss rescheduling the arbitration hearing in this matter. On the same date, the parties filed a joint letter confirming their representations during the informal conference that they were amenable to rescheduling the hearing in light of the upcoming retirement of Judge C. Robert Wallis and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission’s (Commission) resulting resource constraints. In Order 08, Prehearing Conference Order, the Commission vacated the remainder of the procedural schedule and scheduled a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington, on January 12, 2007, before Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark.

- 3 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** The prehearing conference convened, as scheduled, on January 12, 2007. At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to a revised procedural schedule.
- 4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The revised procedural schedule proposed by the parties is reasonable and should be adopted. The revised procedural schedule is attached to this Order as Appendix A.
- 5 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** A prehearing conference to mark exhibits and address any other matters that would aid in the efficient and expeditious conduct of this proceeding is scheduled to convene on **May 3, 2007, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line **360-664-3846**.
- 6 **HEARING:** The evidentiary hearing in this matter is scheduled to convene on **May 7, 2007, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and continuing thereafter, as necessary, on May 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2007**, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 12, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKET UT-063061**

EVENT	FORMER DATE	REVISED DATE
Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits	January 12, 2007	April 3, 2007
Updated Disputed Issue Matrix		April 27, 2007
Parties must e-mail to ALJ their estimated cross-examination times, the preferred order of witnesses, and a list of any cross-examination exhibits	January 23, 2007	May 1, 2007
Parties must distribute to other parties and the Commission paper copies of all cross-examination exhibits	January 23, 2007	May 1, 2007
Prehearing Conference to mark exhibits	January 25, 2007	<b>May 3, 2007</b>
Evidentiary hearings	<b>January 29, 30, 31, and February 1 and 2, 2007</b>	<b>May 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2007</b>
Simultaneous Briefs	March 6, 2007	<b>June 26, 2007</b>
Arbitrator's Report and Order	July 3, 2007	<b>October 26, 2007</b>
Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	August 3, 2007	<b>November 30, 2007</b>
Proposed Interconnection Agreement/Answers to Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	September 4, 2007	<b>January 7, 2008</b>
Oral Argument Before Commissioners	To be determined	To be determined
Commission Decision	To be determined	To be determined