

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

In the Matter of the Petition of:	)	
	)	DOCKET UT-063006
	)	
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,	)	ORDER 08
	)	
For Arbitration Pursuant to Section	)	
252(b) of the Communications Act of	)	ORDER MODIFYING
1934, As Amended by the	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
Telecommunications Act of 1996, and	)	
the Applicable State Laws for Rates,	)	
Terms, and Conditions of	)	
Interconnection with Qwest	)	
Corporation	)	
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket UT-063006 involves Level 3 Communications, LLC’s (Level 3), request to arbitrate an interconnection agreement with Qwest Corporation (Qwest) under Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2 **CONFERENCE.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a scheduling conference by telephone in this docket at Olympia, Washington on January 30, 2007, before Arbitrator and Administrative Law Judge Ann E. Rendahl.

3 **APPEARANCES.** Erik Cecil, Regulatory Counsel, Broomfield, Colorado, and Scott Porter, Regulatory Counsel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, represent Level 3. Lisa A. Anderl, Associate General Counsel, Seattle, Washington, Thomas M. Dethlefs, Senior Attorney, Denver, Colorado, and Ted Smith, Stoel Rives LLP, Salt Lake City, Utah, represent Qwest.

- 4 **CHANGES TO PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** The parties agreed to the following changes to the procedural schedule during the conference:

<b>Arbitrator's Report &amp; Order</b>	<b>February 9 to February 23, 2007</b>
<b>Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report &amp; Order</b>	<b>March 1 to March 15, 2007</b>
<b>Responses to Petitions and Proposed Agreement</b>	<b>March 13 to March 26, 2007</b>
<b>Oral Argument</b>	<b>March 26 to April 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room</b>
<b>Final Order</b>	<b>April 30 to May 31, 2007</b>

- 5 The Commission adopts these changes to the procedural schedule, which is attached to this Order as Appendix A. The scheduling changes are indicated in legislative format.

- 6 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the Order in the upper right hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 1, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Arbitrator and Administrative Law Judge

**APPENDIX A  
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
DOCKET UT-063006**

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Level 3 files Motion to Compel	<b>By March 31, 2006</b>	—
Qwest Reply to Motion to Compel Due	<b>April 11, 2006</b>	11 days
Oral Argument on Motion to Compel	<b>April 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.</b>	7 days
Decision on Motion to Compel	<b>April 25, 2006</b>	7 days
If required, compelled data must be provided	<b>May 9, 2006</b>	14 days
Simultaneous Direct Pre-filed Testimony due	<b>May 30, 2006 by 3 p.m.</b>	21 days
Level 3 must notify Qwest of any suggested changes to contract language	<b>July 7, 2006, by Noon</b>	37 days
Simultaneous Supplemental Direct Prefiled Testimony due	<b>August 18, 2006 by 3 pm</b>	80 days
Technical Conference	<b>August 24, 2006</b>	6 days
Simultaneous Responsive Pre-filed Testimony due	<b>Sept. 14, 2006, by 3 pm</b>	21 days
Discovery Cut-off	<b>September, 26, 2006</b>	12 days
Parties must e-mail to ALJ their estimated cross examination times, the preferred order of witnesses, and a list of any cross-examination exhibits	<b>October 19, 2006, by Noon</b>	30 days
Parties must distribute to other parties and the Commission paper copies of all cross-examination exhibits	<b>October 20, 2006</b>	1 day
Evidentiary hearings	<b>October 24-26, 2006</b>	4 days
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	<b>December 12, 2006, by 3 pm</b>	47 days

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Simultaneous Responsive Briefs	January 22, 2007, by 3 pm	41 days
Arbitrator's Report and Order	By February 9 <del>23</del> , 2007	<del>37</del> <u>32</u> days
Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	March <del>1</del> <u>15</u> , 2007	20 days
Responses to Petitions for Review, Proposed Agreement Language for Approval	March <del>13</del> <u>26</u> , 2007	<del>12</del> <u>11</u> days
Oral Argument before Commissioners	<del>Monday, March 26</del> <u>Wednesday, April 18, 2007,</u> at 9:30 am.	<del>13</del> <u>23</u> days
Commission Order	By <del>April 30</del> <u>May 31</u> , 2007	<del>35</del> <u>43</u> days