

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

In the Matter of the Petition of:)	DOCKET UT-063006
)	
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,)	ORDER 09
)	
For Arbitration Pursuant to Section)	
252(b) of the Communications Act of)	ORDER FURTHER 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)	
.....)	

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 **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.

3 **CHANGES TO PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.** Following a request by the Arbitrator for additional time in preparing the Arbitrator’s Report and Decision, the parties agreed to the following changes to the procedural schedule:

Arbitrator’s Report & Order	February 23 to March 9, 2007
Petitions for Review of	March 15 to April 4, 2007
Arbitrator’s Report & Order	
Responses to Petitions	March 26 to April 20, 2007
and Proposed Agreement	

Oral Argument

To be determined

Final Order

May 31 to June 15, 2007

4 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.

5 **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 22, 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	By March 31, 2006	—
Qwest Reply to Motion to Compel Due	April 11, 2006	11 days
Oral Argument on Motion to Compel	April 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.	7 days
Decision on Motion to Compel	April 25, 2006	7 days
If required, compelled data must be provided	May 9, 2006	14 days
Simultaneous Direct Pre-filed Testimony due	May 30, 2006 by 3 p.m.	21 days
Level 3 must notify Qwest of any suggested changes to contract language	July 7, 2006, by Noon	37 days
Simultaneous Supplemental Direct Prefiled Testimony due	August 18, 2006 by 3 pm	80 days
Technical Conference	August 24, 2006	6 days
Simultaneous Responsive Pre-filed Testimony due	Sept. 14, 2006, by 3 pm	21 days
Discovery Cut-off	September, 26, 2006	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	October 19, 2006, by Noon	30 days
Parties must distribute to other parties and the Commission paper copies of all cross-examination exhibits	October 20, 2006	1 day
Evidentiary hearings	October 24-26, 2006	4 days
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	December 12, 2006, by 3 pm	47 days
Simultaneous Responsive Briefs	January 22, 2007, by 3 pm	41 days

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Arbitrator's Report and Order	By February 23, 2007 <u>March 9, 2007</u>	33 <u>46</u> days
Petitions for Review of Arbitrator's Report and Order	March 15, 2007 <u>April 4, 2007</u>	<u>26</u> days
Responses to Petitions for Review, Proposed Agreement Language for Approval	March 26, 2007 <u>April 20, 2007</u>	11 <u>16</u> days
Oral Argument before Commissioners	Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 9:30 am. <u>To be determined</u>	23 days
Commission Order	By May 31, 2007 <u>June 15, 2007</u>	43 days