

November 8, 2007

NOTICE OF ALTERATIONS IN PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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. Sprint's response is due on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. **Notice is given that this pending motion shall be decided on the pleadings and a ruling shall be announced at the prehearing conference scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.**

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 entered a decision on its above-noted motion to dismiss. On Thursday, November 8, 2007, Sprint served a letter indicating that it did not object to some limited extension of time for Whidbey to file its response in this case. However, citing to WAC 480-07-380(1)(b), Sprint did object to Whidbey delaying its response until after the pending motion is decided.

As Whidbey's motion is, by its nature, potentially dispositive, the Commission denies Whidbey's requested full extension of time to file a response to Sprint's arbitration petition. Instead, the Commission grants a limited extension of time for Whidbey to file its response. **Whidbey must file its response to Sprint's petition no later than Friday, November 16, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.**

Sincerely,

ADAM E. TOREM
Administrative Law Judge