

[Service Date February 23, 2010]

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**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**  
**(Set for March 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.)**  
**and**  
**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration and Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Between North County Communications Corporation of Washington and Qwest Corporation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b), Docket UT-093035*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 25, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered *Order 04 – Prehearing Conference Order* in this matter. Order 04, among other things, states that the parties are close to finalizing a negotiated interconnection agreement (ICA). Further, counsel for North County reported that the company would finalize a draft ICA to send to Qwest by December 1, 2009, and that the parties intend to resolve the final wording of the agreement by December 15, 2009.

On January 8, 2010, North County filed with the Commission a letter requesting the Commission continue the stay in this proceeding for thirty additional days so that the parties may make a good faith effort to settle some of the remaining issues. The parties' request for continuance was granted.

On February 8, 2010, the Commission held a conference to determine the status of negotiations between the parties. At that conference, the parties did not appear to have made any progress during the continuance period. Therefore, the parties were directed to continue discussions and file status reports by February 19, 2010, concerning the status of negotiations and provide a list of remaining issues.

On February 19, 2010, Qwest and North County filed status reports with the Commission.

The commission gives notice to all parties of record of the time and place established for a prehearing conference in this matter.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.**

The purpose of the conference is to establish a procedural schedule, to include briefing topics and deadlines as well as a hearing schedule.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That this matter is reassigned to Administrative Law Judge Adam E. Torem who will, hereafter, substitute as presiding officer for Administrative Law Judge Ann E. Rendahl.**

Judge Torem can be contacted at (360) 664-1138 or [atorem@utc.wa.gov](mailto:atorem@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary