

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Review of
Unbundled Loop and Switching Rates and
Review of the Deaveraged Zone Rate
Structure

DOCKET NO. UT-023003

COMMISSION STAFF'S
MOTION TO EXTEND THE
SCHEDULE FOR FILING
TESTIMONY

1 The Commission Staff (Staff) moves the Washington Utilities and Transportation
Commission (Commission) for an order extending the schedule for filing the final two
rounds of testimony in this matter.

2 On July 17, 2003, the Administrative Law Judge issued an order in this docket
revising the procedural schedule. *In the Matter of the Review of Unbundled Loop and
Switching Rates; the Deaveraged Zone Rate Structure; and Unbundled Network Elements,
Transport, and Termination*, Docket No. UT-023003, Eleventh Supplemental Order (July
17, 2003). The order resulted from a prehearing conference during which the parties
discussed continuing the procedural schedule for the nonrecurring costs portion of this
case. *Id.* ¶ 5. Moving the nonrecurring cost schedule left the January 2004 hearing dates
that were previously reserved for hearing on the nonrecurring costs issues open.

3 The Administrative Law judge moved the hearing dates for the recurring cost
issues from the December 2003 dates to the January 2004 dates. *Id.* ¶ 6. The order
further states that a “procedural schedule for the recurring and nonrecurring costs

portions of the proceeding will be established by separate notice.” *Id.* The effect of the order was to extend the hearing dates by about one month.

4 The Commission Staff requests that the dates for filing the final two rounds of testimony in this docket also be extended by one month. Therefore, the Staff requests that response testimony be due on October 3, 2003, and the rebuttal testimony due on November 14, 2003. Under the present schedule, responsive testimony is due on September 4, 2003, and rebuttal testimony is due on October 16, 2003. The Commission Staff’s request makes sense in light of the change in hearing dates, and will give parties sufficient time to prepare conduct discovery on the future rounds of testimony, prepare their testimony, and prepare for hearing.

5 Staff contacted the parties prior to making this request. MCI, AT&T, XO, and Qwest affirmative stated they had no objection to Staff’s proposal. Verizon stated it had no objection to an extension of time, but proposed alternate dates for filing testimony. No other party responded to Staff’s inquiry.

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