[Service Date March 2, 2006] BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UT-050606
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
Complainant,))	ORDER NO. 06
v.)	
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	ORDER AND NOTICE OF
)	HEARING
Respondent.)	
)	(April 18-19, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.)
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- 1 NATURE OF PROCEEDING. Docket No. UT-050606 involves the suspension of a tariff filed by Inland Telephone Company (Inland) on April 19, 2005. The tariff provided for the removal from Inland's service area the territory at the southern edge of the Roslyn exchange comprised of the Suncadia Resort and the addition of other territory north of the Roslyn exchange. On June 29, 2005, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff revisions.
- 2 APPEARANCES. Richard A. Finnigan, attorney, Olympia, Washington, represents Inland. Judy Krebs, Assistant Attorney General, Seattle, Washington, represents the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of the Attorney General. Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff ("Commission Staff" or "Staff").¹ John L. West and Richard M. Peterson, attorneys, Seattle, Washington, represent Suncadia LLC (Suncadia). Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle, Washington, represents Intelligent Community Services (ICS). Contact

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this case, the Commission's regulatory staff functions as an independent party with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as any other party to the proceeding. There is an *"ex parte* wall" separating the Commissioners, the presiding Administrative Law Judge, and the Commissioners' policy and accounting advisors from all parties, including Staff. *RCW* 34.05.455.

information provided at the conference for the parties' representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

3 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE. On February 16, 2006, the Commission denied Commission Staff's motion for summary determination, December 21, 2005. During the time a ruling on the motion was pending, on January 20, 2006, the Assistant Attorney General representing Commission Staff in this case left the Attorney General's office on short notice. On February 21, 2006, the Attorney General's UTC Division Chief filed an agreed request for a continuance of the evidentiary hearing, which had been scheduled for March 2-3, 2006. The Commission convened a prehearing conference on March 2, 2006 to discuss a continued schedule for the proceeding. The following schedule shows the originally scheduled dates and the new proposed dates:

	Original dates	New dates
Filing witness/exhibit lists/ Cross examination estimates	February 24	April 14
Evidentiary hearing	March 2-3	April 18-19
Initial briefs	March 24	May 16
Reply briefs	April 3	June 6
Initial Order target date	April 17	June 23
Petition for Review	May 5	July 13
Replies to Petition	May 17	July 18

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Expiration of tariff suspension July 1² August 11³

The Commission adopts the revised schedule and provides notice to the parties of the evidentiary hearing.

NOTICE:OF HEARING: The evidentiary hearing in this matter will be convened on April 18-19, 2006 in the Commission's Hearing Room Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington. Those parties wishing to participate in the hearing via the Commission's teleconference bridge line must contact Kippi Walker at 360-664-1139 or Margret Kaech at 360-664-1140 to reserve space on the conference bridge no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2006.

4 NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 2nd day of March, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge

² On August 12, 2005, Inland agreed to extend the tariff suspension date by two months, from May 1 to July 1, 2005, to allow additional time for the Commission to enter a final order in this proceeding.

³ Inland has agreed to further extend the tariff suspension date to August 11, 2006.

APPENDIX A								
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APPENDIX B

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE DOCKET NO. UT-050606

EVENT	ORIGINAL DATE	NEW DATE	INTERVAL DAYS
Order suspending tariff	6/29/05		
Prehearing Conference	8/11/05		46
First settlement conference	9/20/05		40
Direct testimony filed	10/21/05		31
Responsive testimony filed	12/16/05		56
Second settlement conference	1/5/06		20
Rebuttal testimony filed	2/3/06		29
Evidentiary hearing	3/2/06	4/18/06	47
Initial briefs	3/24/06	5/16/06	28
Reply briefs	4/3/06	6/6/06	21
Initial order target date	4/17/06	6/23/06	17
Petition for review	5/5/06	7/13/06	20
Replies to petition	5/17/06	7/18/06	5
Tariff suspension expiration date	7/1/06	8/11/06	24