

Appendix A

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES ADJUDICATION AND RULEMAKING UT-980311

MARCH 1998

- 23 Notice of Meeting about Universal Service mailed. More than 600 telecommunications companies and all filing observers from other USF dockets and Access Reform dockets informed of March 31 meeting to discuss process for determining the cost of Universal Service. Announced contemplation of two-part proceeding.
- 31 Approximately 30 people representing the telecommunications industry, Public Counsel, legislative staff and Grange attend meeting to discuss process for USF activities. Process and purpose of process discussed. Written comments requested by April 7.

APRIL

- 14 Commission staff meets with major wireless carriers to discuss process for gathering revenue information.
- 15 Notice of Meeting, Universal Service Issues served; meeting date set for April 23 to continue semi-formal discussions of process and purpose. Notice contained a tentative agenda for both adjudication and rulemaking, with dates through early December.
- 23 Second meeting with interested persons held in advance of issuance of Notice of Prehearing Conference.

MAY

- 4 Notice of Prehearing Conference served. CR-101 filed with Code Reviser. Notice of Opportunity to File Rulemaking comments served along with 45 questions posed by staff for responses from interested persons.
- 8 Conference call with wireless providers on revenue information.

- 15 Prehearing conference held.
- 23 Meeting with interested parties to discuss process and purpose of USF proceedings. Attended by ILECs and major IXCs; also legislative staff.

JUNE

- 2 Meeting with wireless providers to resolve reporting issues.
- 8 More than 200 pages of comments received in response to staff questions.
- 15 Parties to adjudication sponsoring or supporting cost models file direct testimony.
- 17 Commission presentation on Universal Service to Pullman Rotary.

JULY

- 1 Parties to adjudication using embedded costs for determination of cost of service in high-cost locations file direct testimony.
- 16 Commission presentation on Universal Service to the Small Businesses Improvement Council.
- 21 Day-long workshop on Universal Service issues in Seattle. Panels representing consumers, local exchange companies, long distance providers and wireless companies make presentations to Commissioners.
- 30 Commission presentation on Universal Service to Okanogan Rotary.

AUGUST

- 3 All parties file responsive testimony.
- 21 1st Draft Rules served by Commission on over 2000 interested persons; responses due September 8.
- 26 Informal meeting with telephone company representatives to answer their questions about 1st Draft Rules. Approximately 25 attend.

27 Proposed revisions to four sections of first draft rules served by Commission; response date remains the same.

24 All parties file rebuttal testimony.

SEPTEMBER

3 Second prehearing conference. Commission presentation on universal service to Yakima Rotary.

8 More than 200 pages of comments received in response to first draft rules filed.

9 Hearing commences with Commissioners presiding. Scheduled to end September 18. Commission presentation on Universal Service to Moses Lake Rotary.

11 Universal service questionnaire for businesses and invitation to participate in preparation of small business impact statement (SBEIS) served on over 600 participants in the docket.

14 Commission presentation on Universal Service to Olympia Rotary.

16 Commissioners preside at public meeting held on interactive television with simultaneous participation in Lacey, Seattle and Vancouver.

25 Commission presentation to the Washington State Association of Counties.

28 Commissioners preside at public meeting held on interactive television with simultaneous participation in Kennewick, Spokane and Yakima.

29 SBEIS preparation meeting.

30 Commission presentation on Universal Service to Grandview Rotary.

OCTOBER

2 Commission presentation to Association of Washington Cities.

- 5 Public meeting on Universal Service in Ferndale.
- 14 Public meeting in Colville.
- 21 Second Draft rule circulated to interested parties with comments due on the 29th. Public meeting in South Bend.
- 29 Received more than --- pages of comment on 2nd draft rule.

NOVEMBER

- 9 3rd Draft rules circulated to interested parties with comments due on the 16th.
- 20 Order determining costs issued in WUTC Docket No. UT-980311(a).
- 23 CR-102 for 4th Draft rules approved by Commissioners. Comments due January 29, 1999. No adoption date specified.
- 30 Report to Legislature released.