

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	DOCKET NO. UT-032162
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
	)	ORDER NO. 01
Complainant,)	
	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
v.	)	ORDER;
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	NOTICE OF SCHEDULE;
)	
Respondent.	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
	)	CONFERENCE
	)	(To be held May 24, 2005)
	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
	)	(To be held beginning May 26,
.....	)	2005)

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket No. UT-032162 is a Commission complaint against Qwest for failure to provide accurate information in certain reports.

2 **CONFERENCE.** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on August 24, 2004, before Administrative Law Judge C. Robert Wallis.

3 **APPEARANCES.** Lisa Watson, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (“Commission Staff” or “Staff”). Adam Sherr, attorney, Seattle, represents the respondent. Contact information provided at the conference for the parties’ representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

Prehearing Conference	May 24, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. ¹
Hearing begins	May 26, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
Simultaneous briefs	June 17, 2005, <u>at 1:00 p.m.</u>
Oral argument	June 27, 2005

Both parties waived entry of an initial order on condition that the parties have the opportunity to present oral argument directly to the Commissioners following the submission of briefs.

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE. The Commission convenes a prehearing conference in this matter, to address **the numbering of exhibits for cross-examination and any other procedural matter that the parties may raise, on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, beginning at the hour of 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Room 206, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington.**

8 **NOTICE OF HEARING.** The Commission convenes a hearing in this matter, beginning on **Thursday, May 26, 2005, beginning at the hour of 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington.** The hearing will continue at such times and places to be announced on the record during the hearing, until its conclusion.²

9 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file with the Commission an original plus **nine** copies of all pleadings, motions,

¹ This conference may be cancelled if no matter to be resolved requires a conference.

² The parties estimate that the hearing will require no longer than two days for completion.

briefs, and other prefiled materials.³ Paper copies of these materials are required to conform to the format and publication guidelines set forth in WAC 480-07-395 and 480-07-460, and must be three-hole punched with oversized holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.

- 10 All filings must be mailed to the Commission Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W. Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, or delivered by hand to the Commission Secretary at the Commission's Records Center at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington, 98504. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries by the U.S. Postal Service.
- 11 An electronic copy of all filings must be provided by e-mail delivery to <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Alternatively, Parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a 3.5-inch IBM-formatted high-density diskette including the filed document(s). The Commission prefers that parties furnish electronic copies in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format, supplemented by a separate file in MS Word 6.0 (or later), or WordPerfect 5.1 (or later) format. Parties are required to organize and identify electronic files as specified in WAC 480-07-140(5).
- 12 **ELECTRONIC FILING.** Parties may only file documents electronically with the Commission in this proceeding with the permission of the administrative law judge. Under WAC 480-07-145(6), electronic filing of documents provides a one-day extension of the paper-filing requirement. If, at any time during this proceeding, parties are authorized to file documents with the Commission electronically under WAC 480-07-145(6), Parties must submit the document to

³ Note: work papers and responses to data requests should be directed only to staff or staff counsel, and in the number specified by counsel.

records@wutc.wa.gov, and file an original, plus **nine** copies, of the document with the Commission by the following business day.

13 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1142.

14 **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 September, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

**PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES
DOCKET NO. UT-032162**

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APPENDIX B

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, DOCKET NO. UT-032162

EVENT	DATE	INTERVAL
Answer to the complaint	September 7, 2004	
Period for settlement discussions	Until September 24, 2004	
Commission Staff Prefiled exhibits	January 18, 2005	134 days
Company Prefiled exhibits	March 29, 2005	70 days
Staff rebuttal exhibits	April 26, 2005	28 days
Exhibit list and exhibits on cross	May 20, 2005, <u>at 1:00 p.m.</u>	24 days
Prehearing Conference	May 24, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.	4 days
Hearing begins	May 26, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.	2 days
Simultaneous briefs	June 17, 2005, <u>at 1:00 p.m.</u>	21 days
Oral argument	June 27, 2005	10 days