

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1354

In the Matter of	)	
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QWEST CORPORATION	)	RULING
	)	
Petition for Approval of Price Plan Pursuant to ORS 759.255.	)	

**DISPOSITION: REQUESTS GRANTED; SCHEDULE SUSPENDED;  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED**

On May 15, 2008, the parties jointly requested via electronic mail that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) suspend the schedule for the remainder of the proceedings and schedule a prehearing conference. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss the steps the ALJ will require to bring the instant docket to a conclusion.

In support of the request, counsel for the Commission staff, writing on behalf of all of the parties, indicated that the parties intend, within the next three weeks, to finalize a Stipulation that will include a revised price plan from Qwest, as well as joint supporting testimony or legal briefs or both.

The conclusion of contested proceedings by settlement among all interested parties is to be encouraged, as long as it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Granting the requests will enable the Commission to examine the record and fulfill its statutory obligations. I find that good cause exists to grant the requests and that granting the requests will not unduly delay the proceedings or burden the record.

**RULING**

1. The schedule for this proceeding is hereby **SUSPENDED**.
2. A prehearing conference for the purposes indicated in the request shall be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in the Small Hearing Room of the offices of the Commission, commencing at 9:30 a.m., PDT. A separate notice will be issued indicating this information as well as the means to participate by telephone.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2008, at Salem, Oregon.

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Allan J. Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge