

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 537

In the Matter of)	
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WESTERN RADIO SERVICES CO.)	
)	RULING
Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection)	
Agreement with QWEST CORPORATION,)	
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecom-)	
munications Act of 1996.)	

**DISPOSITION: EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED; SCHEDULE
MODIFIED**

On April 9, 2004, a teleconference was held in this proceeding. The parties mutually agreed to extend the statutory deadline for conclusion of the case and a procedural schedule was adopted.

By letter of April 21, 2004, counsel for Qwest Corporation, on behalf of both parties, advised the Commission that, while they had made progress on the preparation of the Joint Issues List and List of Disputed Issues (issues matrix), which was due on April 21, 2004, the parties had not been able to finalize the issues matrix, due, in part, to travel plans of counsel. The parties indicated that they did not believe that a one-week extension of time would adversely affect the remainder of the schedule. They have therefore requested an additional seven days in which to submit the issues matrix.

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The Request is GRANTED. The schedule for the remainder of the proceeding is as follows:

Submission of Joint Issues List and List of Disputed Issues	April 28, 2004
Submission of Direct Testimony	May 14, 2004
Submission of Rebuttal Testimony	June 2, 2004
Final Date for Requests for Discovery	June 7, 2004
Hearing (if necessary)	TBD
Submission of Opening Briefs	June 25, 2004
Submission of Reply Briefs	July 14, 2004
Arbitrator's Decision Due	July 28, 2004
Comments on Arbitrator's Decision	August 6, 2004
Commission Decision	August 27, 2004

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 22nd day of April, 2004.

Allan J. Arlow, Arbitrator