

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 584

In the Matter of)	
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COVAD COMMUNICATIONS)	PREHEARING
COMPANY)	CONFERENCE REPORT
)	
Petition For Arbitration of an Interconnection)	
Agreement with Qwest Corporation.)	

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ADOPTED; PROCEDURAL RULING HELD
IN ABEYANCE**

On July 9, 2004, Covad Communications Company (Covad) filed a Petition for Arbitration (Petition) in this proceeding. On August 2, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed its Response to Petition for Arbitration (Response). On August 18, 2004, Covad filed a Reply to Qwest’s Response to Petition for Arbitration (Reply). On August 19, 2004, Qwest filed a letter captioned “Qwest’s Objection and Request to Strike Covad ‘Reply’ to Qwest’s Response” (Motion to Strike).

A Notice of Telephone Prehearing Conference was issued on August 17, 2004, and on September 8, 2004, a teleconference was held in this proceeding. With the concurrence of the parties, the Arbitrator indicated that he would refrain from ruling on the Qwest Motion to Strike until such time as a ruling was requested by either party. The parties requested that a protective order be issued in the proceeding. The Arbitrator stated that such order would be issued shortly.

The parties then mutually agreed to waive the statutory deadline for conclusion of the case and the following schedule was adopted:

Submission of Direct Testimony	February 25, 2005
Submission of Response Testimony	March 21, 2005
Final Date for Data Requests (<i>see infra</i>)	March 25, 2005
Final Date for Response to Data Requests (<i>see infra</i>)	April 1, 2005
Issues Matrices Due	April 4, 2005
Hearing	April 7-8, 2005
Submission of Initial Post-Hearing Briefs (tentative date)	April 29, 2005
Submission of Response Briefs (tentative date)	May 13, 2005
Arbitrator’s Decision Due (tentative date)	June 15, 2005
Comments on Arbitrator’s Decision	TBD
Commission Decision	TBD

Pursuant to agreement of the parties, the time in which to respond to data requests shall be no greater than ten business days. If a data request is made between March 18, 2005, and March 25, 2005, the response shall be provided no later than April 1, 2005. Parties shall serve all documents on each other by electronic mail and paper.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 10th day of September 2004.

Allan J. Arlow, Arbitrator

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