

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)
)
COVAD COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,)
ESCHELON TELECOM OF OREGON, INC.,)
INTEGRA TELECOM OF OREGON, INC.,)
MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC., and XO)
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.)
)
Request for Commission Approval of Non-)
Impairment Wire Center List.)

CONFERENCE
REPORT

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET

On March 14, 2006, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. By telephone, Doug Denney and Karen Clauson appeared for Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc. (Eschelon), Greg Diamond appeared for Covad Communications Company (Covad), and Greg Romano appeared for Verizon Northwest, Inc. (Verizon). In the room, Timothy O’Connell appeared for Verizon, Michael Weirich appeared for Staff, Alex Duarte appeared for Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and Sarah Wallace appeared for Covad, Eschelon, Integra Telecom of Oregon, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., and XO Communications Services, Inc. (Joint CLECs).

The parties agreed that Verizon would be excluded from the docket. They also agreed that the docket should be adjudicative and binding on all CLECs, and to that effect, notice should be sent to all CLECs in Oregon. Further, they agreed that Staff’s role would be similar to that in an arbitration docket, which includes notice to parties and the opportunity to listen and rebut when the adjudicator meets with Staff. The parties’ recommendations as to Staff and Verizon are adopted. Their recommendation as to whether this docket should be binding on all CLECs should be discussed in testimony and briefs, along with proposals for process in determining and updating the non-impaired wire center list. Notice of this docket will be sent to all CLECs as requested.

Parties agreed to the following schedule:

Parties will submit proposed bench requests	March 24, 2006
Qwest will submit motion to modify protective order	March 24, 2006
Deadline for petitions to intervene	March 31, 2006
Commission will issue bench request	April 7, 2006
Parties will submit joint issues list	April 7, 2006
Qwest direct testimony	April 21, 2006
Joint CLECs and intervenors response testimony	May 19, 2006
Qwest reply testimony	June 16, 2006
Hearing	week of July 10, 2006

Several matters for the issues list have been discussed, such as whether Qwest may assess non-recurring charges and what should be the process for updating the non-impaired wire center list. The parties are encouraged to assemble a joint issues list for use in structuring testimony and briefs.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of March, 2006.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge