

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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QWEST CORPORATION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	RULING
)	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SUSPENSION EXTENDED

On August 5, 2005, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) reported by electronic mail that the parties were still discussing contract revisions, but hope to have a contract signed within a few weeks. Later that day, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) replied that it did not agree with Qwest’s assessment of the state of the case and requested an immediate telephone conference to assess the status of the case.

The parties are reminded that their first recourse in resolving disputes is to contact the other party to solve the problem informally. If that does not achieve a satisfactory result, then a telephone conference as suggested by CEC may be appropriate. Also, I note that Qwest is the complainant in this case, and the party in that role is often the driver of the process.

With this delay, the schedule set in this case is no longer feasible. If the parties are not able to settle this case, a new prehearing conference will need to be held and a new schedule set. The parties are directed to report on the progress of their negotiations by the end of business on August 26, 2005.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day of August, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge