

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1175/UM 1207

In the Matter of)
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EXTENDED AREA SERVICE)
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Petition by the Chitwood Exchange for EAS)
to the Blodgett, Corvallis, Harlan, Philomath,)
Siletz, and Summit Exchanges (UM 1175))
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and)
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Petition by the Antelope Exchange for EAS)
to the Culver, Redmond, and Bend)
Exchanges (UM 1207))

MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET

On February 27, 2006, a telephone conference was held. Representatives from Commission Staff, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative (Pioneer), Trans-Cascades Telephone Company (Trans-Cascades), and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) participated by telephone.

Qwest stated that, to effectuate the proposed Antelope extended area service (EAS) petition, it will need to make significant equipment changes that can take six months to complete. Qwest prefers to not make any changes until a Commission order has been issued on EAS, and the current schedule calls for the changes to take effect on August 5, 2006. Qwest stated that it has already begun the process, but would appreciate a Commission decision as soon as possible.

The public comment meeting for Antelope will be held the evening of April 12, 2006. The location will be determined. Trans-Cascades will send notices of the meeting to customers in their bills, which will arrive in mailboxes around April 1, 2006. A Commission decision will be issued as soon as possible, to allow Qwest to make the necessary equipment changes.

The public comment meeting for Chitwood will be held the evening of April 20, 2006, likely again in the Eddyville Charter School. Pioneer will inform customers either by separate mailer or by bill stuffer, to arrive around April 1, 2006.

Once locations and times for the public comment meetings have been secured, sample language for the bill stuffers will be provided by the Commission's Hearings Division.

The prior schedule shall remain in effect, with the intention of earlier target dates for Commission orders.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 28th day of February, 2006.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge