

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application Nos. C-3945/
Public Service Commission to) NUSF-60.02/
conduct an investigation of) PI-138
Qwest Corporation's Proposed)
Switched Access Charge Rates.) ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION
) AND RESCHEDULING HEARING
)
) Entered: October 21, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 9, 2008, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed a Notice of Intent to File Catalog with Increased Switched Access Rates. On July 16, 2008, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-140 (Cum. Supp. 2006), MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("Verizon") filed a protest and a request for review of Qwest's proposed access rate increase. On July 29, 2008, the Commission entered an order suspending the effective date of Qwest's access rate increase, opening the above-captioned investigation, and setting a deadline to formally intervene of August 11, 2008. Notice of the docket was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 30, 2008.

Petitions for Formal Intervention were timely filed by Verizon, the Rural Independent Companies ("RIC"), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and TCG Omaha (collectively "AT&T"), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services ("PAETEC"), Windstream Nebraska, Inc. ("Windstream"), United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Embarq ("United"), the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska ("RTCN"), and the Communications Department and Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Commission (collectively "Commission Staff").

Petitions for Informal Intervention were timely filed by Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc. ("NT&T") and Sprint Communications Company L.P., d/b/a Sprint; Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS; Nextel West Corp., d/b/a Nextel; and NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners (collectively "Sprint Nextel").

On September 26, 2008, Commission Staff filed a motion to stay the proceedings to allow the parties to engage in negotiations. All parties agreed to negotiations and an extension of the procedural schedule to accommodate said negotiations. By Hearing Officer Order issued on September 30, 2008, the hearing in the above-captioned matter was rescheduled on November 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

On October 15, 2008, a motion was filed by Commission Staff requesting approval of a stipulated agreement filed with the Commission by all parties to the above-captioned docket. Further, the Staff's motion requested an extension of the procedural schedule and the hearing date, to allow the parties to continue the negotiations.

Upon review of the matter, we are of the opinion and find that the stipulation submitted by the parties should be approved. We are further of the opinion and find that the Hearing in the above-captioned matter, scheduled on November 6, 2008, should be moved to **Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. CDT**, and continue to December 5, 2008, as necessary, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Further, the other pending dates for filings contained in the procedural schedule shall be amended as contained in Appendix A attached hereto.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the stipulation submitted by the parties in the above-captioned proceeding be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Hearing in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby, moved to **10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2008**, to continue on December 5, 2008, as necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amended procedural schedule attached hereto is hereby adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of October, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday	August 28	Discovery Requests filed
Monday	September 8	Qwest Discovery Responses to AT&T Discovery Requests filed
Thursday	September 11	All other Discovery Responses filed
Monday	September 15	Follow-up Discovery Requests (if any) filed
Monday	September 15	Qwest Pre-filed Testimony filed
Monday	September 22	Follow-up Discovery Responses (if any) filed
Wednesday	November 12	Response Testimony filed
Tuesday	November 25	Rebuttal/Cross Answer Testimony filed
Monday	December 1	Pre-hearing Motions and all Exhibits for Hearing filed
Tuesday	December 2	Responses to Pre-hearing Motions filed
Thursday	December 4	Hearing
Friday	December 5	Hearing (if necessary)

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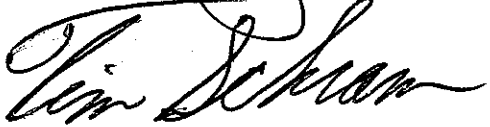
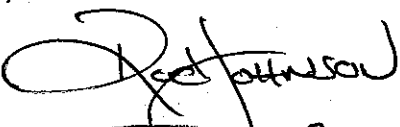
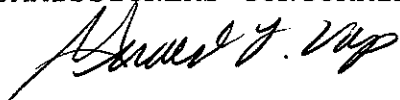
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