

Service Date: February 3, 2006

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF Level 3 Communications, )	UTILITY DIVISION
LLC's Petition for Arbitration of an )	
Interconnection Agreement with Qwest )	DOCKET NO. D2005.12.174
Communications Corporation, Pursuant to )	ORDER NO. 6715
47 U.S.C. § 252(b). )	

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**

The hearings officer for procedural matters issues this Procedural Order to govern the schedule and other procedural matters in this Docket.<sup>1</sup>

Parties

1. In this Order the term “parties” is defined as Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), Qwest Communications Corporation (Qwest), and the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC).

Service and Filings

2. Copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs and all other documents shall be filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) and served on all parties and other entities and individuals on the attached service list. Service upon the parties shall be upon the parties’ attorney of record and such other individuals as may be reasonably designated by the attorney of record.

3. An original and ten (10) copies of all documents, except proprietary documents, must be filed with the PSC. Only one copy of proprietary documents shall be filed – on yellow paper.

Schedule

4. The parties have waived the time requirements contained in 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(4) and § 69-3-837(12), MCA.

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<sup>1</sup> On December 20, 2005, at a regularly scheduled work session, the Montana Public Service Commission appointed staff attorney Timothy N. Sweeney as hearings officer for procedural matters in this Docket.

5. Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the procedural schedule governing this proceeding shall be as follows:

- a. March 24, 2006                      Simultaneous pre-filed direct testimony.
- b. April 14, 2006                      Simultaneous pre-filed rebuttal testimony
- c. April 21, 2006                      Cut-off date for discovery
- d. May 9-12, 2006                      Public Hearing

Amendment

6. The provisions of this Order may only be amended by PSC action, or PSC staff action pursuant to delegated authority. The PSC shall maintain continuing jurisdiction of the matters encompassed by this Order during the course of this Docket.

DONE AND DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2006, by delegation to Commission staff as the Order of the Montana Public Service Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGESON, Chairman  
BRAD MOLNAR, Vice-Chairman  
DOUG MOOD, Commissioner  
ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner  
THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner