

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 5713

Investigation into NET's tariff filing)
re: Open Network Architecture, including)
the unbundling of NET's network, expanded)
interconnection, and intelligent networks)

Order entered: 06/15/95

ORDER RE: SECOND MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULE

On June 5, 1995, the Department of Public Service ("DPS" or "Department") filed a second motion to modify the procedural schedule in this docket, which had already been modified in response to an earlier motion. Specifically, the Department requests that (1) the hearings during the week of July 17th be rescheduled to an earlier or later time, (2) the schedule be recognized that one of the DPS's witnesses will be unavailable the week of July 24th, and (3) the deadlines for briefs be extended by two weeks at a minimum.

On June 12th, the Vermont Independent Telephone Companies ("VITC")¹ filed a letter detailing the dates that its witnesses and counsel will be available for hearings. VITC Letter, 6/12/95, at 1. No other party has filed a response to the DPS's motion.

I am loathe to constantly rearrange the schedule so shortly before hearings were to begin, particularly so in this complex case with its many parties. However, given the specific circumstances in this instance, some adjustment should be made to the schedule in order to assure that these parties participate to the fullest extent possible. Therefore, I modify the schedule for Phase I, Module One, as follows:

Phase I

Module 1

Prefiled direct testimony, all parties	6/7/95
End, first round of discovery	6/14/95
All responses to first round due	6/23/95
End, second round of discovery	6/28/95
Workshop	6/29/95
All responses to second round due	7/7/95
Prefiled rebuttal testimony, all parties	7/12/95
Evidentiary Hearings, nine days	July 20-21, 27-28, 31

1. The VITC consist of Champlain Valley Telecommunications Company, Franklin Telephone Company, Ludlow Telephone Company, Perkinsville Telephone Company, Shoreham Telephone Company, Topsham Telephone Company, and Waitsfield Telecommunications Company. On May 15, 1995, they notified the Board that they would take part in this docket as a single group. VITC Letter, 5/15/95, at 1.

	and August 1, 28-30, 1995
Initial briefs	9/22/95
Reply briefs	10/6/95
Proposal for Decision	11/3/95

A revised schedule for the remaining Phases will be issued in the near future.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15th day of June, 1995.

s/Frederick W. Weston
Frederick W. Weston
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 15, 1995

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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