

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: 7/10/95

ORDER RE: MODIFIED HEARING SCHEDULE FOR PHASE I

On June 29, 1995, an informal workshop was held in this docket. All current parties were present or available on conference call. The primary purpose of the workshop was to identify issues and set a schedule for future workshops; however, many of the parties generally agreed that, at this point in the Phase I schedule, it would be better to proceed with technical hearings rather than put them off to attend workshops. No one thought that it was feasible to carry out workshops and hearings simultaneously.

The parties did agree that a workshop process of the kind proposed by the Department of Public Service ("DPS") would be appropriate in the later phases and modules. I will issue an order later in the summer, revising the schedules to include workshops.¹

During the June workshop, we also addressed questions raised with respect to the hearing schedule and witness order in Phase I. Counsel for the DPS agreed to file a letter with the Board and parties, describing the witness availability and order. In this context, the parties also agreed to modify the hearing dates somewhat, as follows:

July 21, 27-28; August 28-31, and September 1, 1995.

Initial briefs will be filed on September 22, and reply briefs will follow on October 6, 1995. A proposal for decision will be issued a month later.

1. On this point, the parties should inform me as to whether it would also be appropriate to merge Modules One and Two of Phase II into a single module.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of July, 1995.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 10, 1995

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

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