

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: 8/6/96

**ORDER RE: PHASE II PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

On July 8, 1996, the Department of Public Service ("DPS") filed a proposed procedural schedule for the litigated stage of the second phase of this docket. AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. ("AT&T"), Atlantic Cellular Company and Hyperion Telecommunications of Vermont, Inc. (jointly, the "Alternative Technology Providers" or "ATP"), and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company ("NYNEX") responded to the proposal with suggestions for minor modifications. On the basis of these submissions, I have set the following schedule for resolution of Phase II:

Status Conference	8/22/96
Submission of prefiled testimony	8/30/96
Evidentiary Hearings	9/30 - 10/11/96 (as needed)

A briefing schedule will be set at the close of the evidentiary hearings.

Both the DPS and NYNEX suggested that a status conference be convened prior to the filing of written testimony, to make a final determination of the scope of issues to be taken up in this phase and also to consider the effects on this docket, if any, of the August 8th Federal Communications Commission order on interconnection. For these reasons, I have scheduled a status conference for Thursday, August 22nd, commencing at 1:30 P.M. The hearing will be held at the PSB Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Lastly, NYNEX filed a letter on July 25, 1996, requesting a ten-day extension for the filing of the TSLRIC Study methodology (stipulation), that is, until August 7th. The additional time is needed to work out several final details and arrange for the signing of the document. No party opposes this request. It is reasonable, and I grant it.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of August, 1996.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 6, 1996

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

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