

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)
in re: Phase II)

Order entered: 9/16/96

THIRD ORDER RE: PHASE II PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 4, 1996, I issued an Order revising the Phase Two procedural schedule. On September 10th, the Department of Public Service ("DPS" or "Department") filed a letter requesting that, with respect to the filing of briefs on the question of cost studies for the independent local exchange companies, the schedule once again be modified. Specifically, the DPS reported that:

Subsequent to the August 22 status conference, the Department and many of the independents (all except Vermont Telephone) agreed to pursue a reconciliation or narrowing of their differences on this issue. Our first meeting is scheduled for september 17, and we anticipate that a second meeting may be required. Accordingly, the Department and the independents request that you vacate the September 20 deadline for legal memoranda.

Neither the Department nor the independents intend to delay final resolution of this issue. If negotiations prove unsuccessful, we intend to brief the issue on a schedule which will permit sufficient time for resolution prior to commencement of Phase II hearings.

DPS Letter, 9/10/96, at 1.

This proposal is reasonable, and I adopt it. The parties should be prepared to give a status report on the negotiations at the evidentiary hearing on October 3, 1996 (*re* NYNEX cost studies).

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of September, 1996.

s/Frederick W. Weston

Frederick W. Weston
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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

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