

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 RE: MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE

On December 11, 1996, the Department of Public Service ("DPS") filed a letter on behalf of the parties requesting an extension of the filing date of a joint status report detailing issues that remain to be litigated in Phase II of this docket. The parties asked that I permit the filing to be made on January 8, 1997, rather than on December 13, 1996. On December 17th, the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company ("NYNEX") filed a letter, stating that it had no objections to the request.

I approve the request, because I am hopeful that the additional time will enable them to further reduce the list of outstanding issues; but I must remind them of what they have often pointed out to me during this proceeding: that delays only put off the delivery of the benefits of customer choice and competition that are expected to accompany the opening-up of the local exchange.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of December, 1996.

s/Frederick Weston
Frederick W. Weston
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: December 30, 1996

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

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