

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 02A-276T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WIGGINS TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS DISAGGREGATION PLAN.

**ORDER DIRECTING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO
CONDUCT HEARING UNDER § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.**

Mailed Date: January 31, 2003
Adopted Date: January 29, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION:

A. Statement

1. This matter concerns the Application by Wiggins Telephone Association for Commission approval of its plan for disaggregating its federal and state universal service support. Under § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S., the Commission is normally required to issue its decision on an application within 210 days of the time the application is deemed complete. That 210-day period expired in this case on January 27, 2003. Under the provisions of § 40-6-109.5(4), C.R.S., however, the Commission may extend the time for decision on an application an additional 90 days "after notice and a hearing." The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has issued a Recommended Decision on the application. N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., filed Exceptions to the Recommended Decision in accordance with § 40-6-109(2), C.R.S. In light of the filing of the Exceptions, the Commission has not yet issued a final decision in this case.

2. Therefore, in accordance with § 40-6-109.5(4), C.R.S., we direct the ALJ to conduct a hearing to consider whether the time for decision in this case should be extended an additional 90 days.

II. ORDER

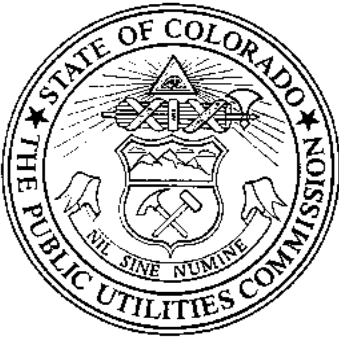
A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Administrative Law Judge shall conduct a hearing in this case consistent with the above discussion.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
January 29, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

**Bruce N. Smith
Director**

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THE COMMISSION ON JANUARY 30, 2003.