

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-018T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WWC HOLDING CO., INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER AND
REDEFINITION OF RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY SERVICE AREA REQUIREMENT.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DALE E. ISLEY
SETTING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: March 1, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. The captioned application was filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on January 8, 2004, and public notice of the same was given by the Commission on January 12, 2004.

2. Timely Notices of Intervention have been filed in this matter by the Staff of the Commission and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel. On February 18, 2004, the Colorado Telecommunications Association, Inc., filed its Late Filed Entry of Appearance and Motion to Intervene.

3. At its Weekly Meeting of February 18, 2004, the Commission deemed this matter complete as of February 26, 2004, and assigned it to the undersigned administrative law judge (ALJ) for hearing and/or disposition.

4. On February 27, 2004, the ALJ requested that those involved advise him of their availability for a pre-hearing conference to be held on or before March 10, 2004. The

advisements provided in response to that request indicate that 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 2004, is a convenient time for conducting such a conference.

5. The pre-hearing conference will potentially deal with all issues contemplated by 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-79(b)(5) including, without limitation, identification of issues to be addressed in this proceeding, the resolution of any pending motions, the timing and scope of discovery, the desirability of submitting testimony and exhibits in electronic form, and the establishment of a procedural schedule, including deadlines for the filing of answer, rebuttal and/or cross-answer testimony and exhibits, motions, statements of position, responses to exceptions, and hearing dates.

6. In order to assist the ALJ, those involved are urged to confer prior to commencement of the pre-hearing conference in an attempt to reach agreement on a procedural schedule that will facilitate issuance of a final Commission decision in this matter within the timeframe established by § 40-6-109.5 (2), C.R.S. (*i.e.*, one that will result in completion of the hearing no later than May 26, 2004).

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. A pre-hearing conference is scheduled in this matter as follows:

DATE: March 10, 2004
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1580 Logan Street, OL2
Denver, Colorado

2. This Order shall be effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge