

Decision No. R04-0881

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04M-129T

IN THE MATTER OF BIG SANDY TELECOM INC.'S PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF
LNP REQUIREMENTS.

DOCKET NO. 04M-131T

IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION FOR
SUSPENSION OF LNP REQUIREMENTS.

DOCKET NO. 04M-138T

IN THE MATTER OF AGATE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION'S
PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF LNP REQUIREMENTS.

DOCKET NO. 04M-137T

IN THE MATTER OF EASTERN SLOPE RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION'S PETITION
FOR SUSPENSION OF LNP REQUIREMENTS.

DOCKET NO. 04M-130T

IN THE MATTER OF SUNFLOWER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S PETITION FOR
SUSPENSION OF LNP REQUIREMENTS.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DALE E. ISLEY
RESCHEDULING HEARING AND
MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, IN PART**

Mailed Date: July 30, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. The captioned applications of Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association (Eastern Slope) and Agate Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association (Agate) are currently scheduled for hearing on August 13, 2004.¹ Rebuttal and cross-answer testimony and exhibits are currently due to be filed on or before August 4, 2004. *See*, Decision No. R04-0713-I.

2. On July 29, 2004, counsel for Eastern Slope and Agate informally advised the undersigned administrative law judge (ALJ) that a family emergency required that the hearing be continued and that the deadline for submission of rebuttal and cross-answer testimony and exhibits be extended.

3. On July 30, 2004, the ALJ was informally advised by counsel for all parties that August 18, 2004, was an acceptable date for a rescheduled hearing and that August 11, 2004, was an acceptable date for filing rebuttal and cross-answer testimony and exhibits. This agreement will be implemented by the Order that follows.

II. ORDER**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The hearing of these matters, currently scheduled for August 13, 2004, is vacated.

¹ A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement along with an Unopposed Motion for Approval of Stipulation, to Vacate Hearing Date, and for Commission to Retain Jurisdiction (Motion) was filed in connection with the applications of Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc., Columbine Telephone Company, and Big Sandy Telecom, Inc., on July 26, 2004. It is anticipated that the Commission will be issuing its initial decision in connection with the Motion in the near future.

2. The hearing of these matters is rescheduled as follows:

DATE: August 18, 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1580 Logan Street, OL2
Denver, Colorado

3. Any desired rebuttal or cross-answer testimony and exhibits shall be filed, in question and answer form, on or before August 11, 2004.

4. This Order shall be effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge