

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-576T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EMPIRE ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND LETTER OF REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE EMERGING COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ANTHONY M. MARQUEZ
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: December 21, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. This docket concerns the Application by Empire One Telecommunications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services.

2. At its December 7, 2004 Weekly Meeting, the Commission referred this case to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing. On December 20, 2004, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission filed its Notice of Intervention and Request for Hearing.

3. This Order sets a prehearing conference in this case. The prehearing conference will deal with all issues contemplated by Rule 79(b)(5), Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ and related matters. This includes without limitation: identification of issues to be

¹ 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-1.

addressed in this proceeding; resolution of any pending motions; the timing and scope of discovery; and establishment of a procedural schedule including hearing dates and deadlines for filing of direct, answer, and rebuttal testimony and exhibits, and closing statements of position. I encourage the parties to confer prior to the prehearing conference in an attempt to reach agreement on a procedural schedule.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled in this matter as follows:

DATE: January 11, 2005

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1580 Logan Street, OL 2
Denver, Colorado

2. The parties shall come prepared to address those matters specified above.
3. This Order is effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge