

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-356AT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO
DISCONTINUE OR CURTAIL JURISDICTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

**ORDER SHORTENING COMMISSION NOTICE AND
REQUIRING DISCONNECTION NOTIFICATION**

Mailed Date: July 15, 2004
Adopted Date: July 15, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On July 8, 2004, Premier Communications, Inc. (Premier or Company), filed an application to discontinue providing jurisdictional Telecommunications Services in Colorado. In this application, Premier states that it is providing service in Qwest Corporation's (Qwest) service area and is receiving service for its end-users from Qwest through Resale and UNE-P (Unbundled Network Element-Platform). Premier also states in its filing that it is in negotiations with Qwest for payment arrangements. The Company notes that it wishes to ensure that there be no disruption of service to its customers. The proposed effective date of the discontinuance provided by Premier is September 10, 2004.

2. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on July 9, 2004. Interventions are due on or before August 9, 2004.

3. The Commission shares the concern expressed by Premier related to customer disruption of service but also believes that customers should be informed on a timely basis that there may be an impact on their telecommunications services.

4. Qwest as the wholesale provider to Premier, is designated an indispensable party in this docket. We direct Qwest to file a notice with the Commission in this docket at least ten days prior to initiation of disconnection of Premier services.

5. The Commission shall shorten its notice of the application to ten days, amending the previous notice that was made on July 9, 2004.

6. On July 14, 2004, the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel filed its Notice of Intervention and request for expedited hearing. Given that pleading, we assign this matter to an Administrative Law Judge for expedited hearing.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Qwest Corporation is made a party to this docket.
2. The Commission notice of this application will be amended to ten days from the effective date of this Order.
3. Qwest Corporation shall file a notification with this Commission no less than ten days prior to disconnection of Premier Communications, Inc.'s services.
4. This matter is assigned to an Administrative Law Judge for further proceedings.
5. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 15, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners