

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-496T

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE LOCAL CALLING
AREA IN NORTHERN COLORADO.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
WILLIAM J. FRITZEL
GRANTING JOINT UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: December 3, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. On November 23, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Nunn Telephone Company (Nunn), the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a Joint Unopposed Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule. Movants request that the remaining procedural schedule contained in Decision No. R04-1000 be vacated, for the reason that Qwest and OCC have reached a settlement in principal which if accepted, will resolve the remaining disputed issues in this docket. Movants request that the current date scheduled for hearing, December 9, 2004 be retained on the Commission's calendar for the purpose of hearing on the settlement agreement, if necessary.

2. Counsel for OCC states that he has conferred with all parties in this proceeding, including the City of Loveland, and none of the parties have an objection to the Motion.

3. Good cause having been shown, the Joint Unopposed Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule will be granted, however the hearing scheduled for December 9, 2004 will

be vacated since it is unknown at this time, without seeing the settlement document, whether a hearing is necessary. The parties will be notified if a hearing to consider the settlement is necessary.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Joint Unopposed Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed on November 23, 2004 by Qwest Corporation, Nunn Telephone Company, the Office of Consumer Counsel, and Staff of the Public Utilities Commission is granted.

2. The hearing date of December 9, 2004 is vacated.

3. The Office of Consumer Counsel and Qwest Corporation shall file the settlement agreement with the Commission within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision, or in lieu thereof, a status report.

4. Response time to the motion is waived.

3. This Order is effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge

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