

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

2006 Annual Price Stability Index/	:	
Service Price Index filing of Buffalo	:	P-00981428F1000
Valley Telephone Company	:	
2006 Annual Price Stability Index/	:	
Service Price Index filing of Conestoga	:	P-00981429F1000
Telephone & Telegraph Company	:	
2006 Annual Price Stability Index/	:	
Service Price Index filing of Denver &	:	P-00981430F1000
Ephrata Telephone & Telegraph Company	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

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A prehearing conference in this case is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 28, 2006 at 10:00 A.M in Hearing Room 5** of the Commonwealth Keystone Building. The parties are directed to comply with the following:

1. Please review the regulation pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.222, and in particular, subsection (d), which provides:

(d) Participants and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. The preparation should include, among other things, advance study of all relevant materials, and advance informal communication between the participants, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.

2. Each party shall prepare and distribute, at least three (3) business days before the prehearing conference, a prehearing memorandum which sets forth the history of the proceeding, the issues you intend to present, a listing of your proposed witnesses and the subject

of their testimony, the need for a protective order, changes to the discovery regulations and a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall include proposed dates for the following:

- a. Direct testimony, in hand due date.
- b. Rebuttal testimony, in hand due date.
- c. Surrebuttal testimony, in hand due date.
- d. Evidentiary hearings.
- e. Main Brief in hand due date.
- g. Reply Brief in hand due date – no later than February 2, 2007.


3. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. An attorney representing a party in this proceeding must enter an appearance in accordance with the Commission regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.24-1.25. Signing the attendance sheet at the Prehearing Conference is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the regulation.

4. You must serve me directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding. It is NOT sufficient to file with the Secretary's Bureau and expect me to receive a copy from that Bureau. The correct address appears in paragraph 6, below. If you send me any correspondence or document, you must send a copy to all other parties. A copy of the Commission's current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order.

5. Please review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331 (b), which provides, inter alia, that participants try to initiate discovery as early in the proceeding as possible, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages participants to exchange information on an informal basis. In addition, be aware of the limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process, 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.572. Requests for modification of the rules of discovery must be presented at the Prehearing Conference.

6. A change in the scheduled date of the prehearing conference will only be granted for good cause. A request for a change in the date or time must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the prehearing conference, 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b), and must be sent to me directly: Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265. My electronic mail address is scolwell@state.pa.us.

Dated: November 14, 2006


Susan D. Colwell
Administrative Law Judge

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