

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon :
Wireless For Arbitration Pursuant to :
Section 252 Of the Telecommunications :
Act of 1996 to Establish an Interconnection :
Agreement With ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc. :

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ARBITRATION PROCEEDING ORDER

A Prehearing Conference was held before Chief Administrative Law Judge Robert A. Christianson in the above-captioned case on January 6, 2004. Present were petitioner Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) and ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc. (ALLTEL). The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) Office of Trial Staff (OTS), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) did not participate.

In accordance with the Prehearing Conference Order of Administrative Law Judge Marlane R. Chestnut dated December 16, 2003, (served on Cellco, ALLTEL, OTS, OCA, and OSBA) Cellco and ALLTEL submitted Prehearing Conference memoranda prior to the Prehearing Conference.

This Order addresses the procedural matters for this case.

1. Motions for admission *Pro Hac Vice*, if not defective on their face, will be deemed granted if not objected to within one business day after filing and serving. If objected to, such pleadings will be addressed by order.

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2. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.342(d), the Commission's regulations relating to discovery are modified as follows. It should be noted that when an interrogatory is served on a Friday or the day before a holiday, the appropriate period is deemed to start on the next business day.

a) The response period for replying to written interrogatories is three calendar days.

b) Objections to interrogatories are to be communicated orally to the propounder of the interrogatory within one business day of receipt of the interrogatory and in writing within twenty-four hours thereafter.

c) Motions to dismiss objections and to compel responses shall be filed and served within three business days of receipt of the written objections. Answers to such motions shall be filed within two business days after filing an serving of the motion. Copies of both Motions to compel and of Answers thereto shall be sent to me via e-mail (wweismande@state.pa.us) at the time of filing.

d) Interrogatories which are objected to but which are not made the subject of a timely motion to compel will be deemed withdrawn.

e) Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.341(b), neither interrogatories nor responses are to be filed with the Commission or served on the presiding officer, although a certificate of service may be filed with the Commission's Secretary.

The parties are expected to resolve discovery issues among themselves. Motions to compel should be filed only after such efforts have failed. Interrogatories are to be provided electronically as well as on paper. In addition, the participants are urged to use alternative means of discovery such as discovery conferences or depositions.

3. All scheduled submissions, whether required to be both filed and served or merely served, shall be accomplished electronically on the due date with hard-copy to follow via overnight delivery.

4. The following schedule is adopted for the remainder of this proceeding:
Status Report on issues and Proceeding (filed and served) January 15, 2004.

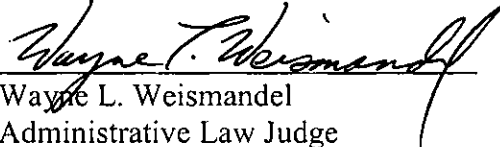
Written Direct Testimony served (not filed)	January 22, 2004.
Written Reply Testimony served (not filed)	February 2, 2004.
Initial offers ¹ (filed and served)	February 6, 2004.
Arbitration conference sessions	February 10 and 11, 2004.
Main Briefs and final best offers ² (filed and served)	February 24, 2004.
Reply Briefs (filed and served)	March 2, 2004.
Recommended Decision issued	March 30, 2004.

5. All statements and affidavits must identify the issue(s) addressed. Exhibits should be properly premarked for identification purposes. In Main and Reply Briefs the discussion of each issue must be concluded by a one-sentence summary of the participant's position on that issue.

6. All Arbitration conference sessions will be held in Hearing Room #1, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and will begin each day at 10:00 a.m., unless changed by the presiding officer.

7. If necessary, the parties are directed to prepare an appropriate protective order for my approval and execution.

Date: January 8, 2004


 Wayne L. Weismandel
 Administrative Law Judge

¹ These offers are to contain each participant's position on each outstanding issue, in the order of final issues presented in the Status Report due on January 15, 2004. They are to include whatever statements, affidavits, exhibits, or documents the participant believes should be included in the record for resolution of each issue.

² Final best offers must separately address each unresolved issue and should be in a document separate from the Main Brief. In addition to written copies, Final best offers, Main and Reply Briefs must be provided to the presiding officer on computer disk in Microsoft Word 2000 (or a compatible program).

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