

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Core Communications, Inc. :
for Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms : A-310922F7004
and Conditions with Alltel Pennsylvania :
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(b) :

PRE-ARBITRATION CONFERENCE ORDER-TELEPHONE ARBITRATION

The Commission has scheduled a pre-arbitration conference in the above-captioned case in accordance with the provisions of 66 Pa. C.S. §333, 52 Pa. Code §5.224 and 47 U.S.C. §252(b) for May 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

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1. That a pre-arbitration conference shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2006, in Hearing Room 2, in the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the above-captioned case.

2. That any request for a change of the scheduled pre-arbitration conference shall state the agreement or opposition of other parties, and shall be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the scheduled date. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changes must be sent to me, with copies to all parties. Such changes are granted only in rare situations where good cause exists. My address is:

David A. Salapa
Administrative Law Judge
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-3265
Telephone: (717) 783-5452
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3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.55, each party, or commonly represented group of parties, is limited to one entry on the service list.

4. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself if you are an individual or an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, may represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, must represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall enter their appearance in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §1.24(b).

5. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.342(d), the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's regulations pertaining to discovery are modified as follows:

The parties shall resolve discovery issues among themselves. The parties shall file motions to compel only after such efforts have failed. A motion to compel shall contain an affirmation that good faith efforts to resolve the dispute have been made. If the parties use interrogatories, they shall be both provided and answered electronically. The parties shall make maximum use of discovery conferences, especially telephonic discovery conferences. The parties shall not propound discovery any later than three business days prior to the initial arbitration hearing session.

6. That all statements and affidavits must identify the person sponsoring the statement or making the affidavit by name, place of employment, title or job description, and the entity on whose behalf the statement or affidavit is made, and must identify the issue(s) addressed. The parties shall pre-mark exhibits for identification purposes. Discussion of each issue must be concluded by a one-sentence summary of the party's position on that issue.

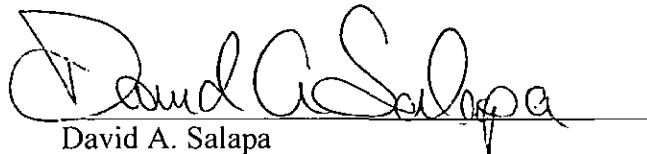
7. That the parties will present an agreed upon proposed protective order at the pre-arbitration conference.

8. That on or before Friday, May 5, 2006, the parties shall serve me, and each other, with a pre-arbitration conference memorandum addressing each of the subjects set forth below. The parties shall also be prepared to discuss these subjects at the pre-arbitration conference:

- (a) The tentative schedule, attached as Appendix A.
- (b) The issues to be resolved.
- (c) Disputed material facts.
- (d) Stipulating to uncontested facts.
- (e) Scheduling hearings confined to disputed material facts.
- (f) Determining whether:
 - (i) Evidence must be submitted under oath.
 - (ii) Evidence should be pre-filed.
 - (iii) Preliminary documentary statements should be required.
 - (iv) Memoranda or briefs are necessary.
- (g) Other matters that may aid in expediting the orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding and the furtherance of justice.

9. That parties or counsel shall participate in the pre-arbitration conference fully prepared to discuss all issues involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto. The preparation shall include, among other things, advance study of all relevant materials, and advance informal communication between the parties, including requests for additional data, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable. If a party fails to participate in the conference, after being served with notice of the time thereof, without good cause shown, I shall consider that party to have waived all objections to the agreements reached, and an order or ruling memorializing those agreements.

Date: April 18, 2006


David A. Salapa
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

Petition filed by Core Communications, Inc.	March 30, 2006
Answers to petition due	April 24, 2006
Consolidated list of issues due	May 1, 2006
Pre-arbitration conference	May 10, 2006
Initial offers ¹	May 17, 2006
Arbitration hearing sessions	May 25 and 26, 2006
Final best offers ²	May 31, 2006
Recommended decision issued	June 9, 2006

¹ These offers are to contain the party's position on each outstanding issue, in the order presented in the consolidated list of issues. They are to include whatever documentary statements, affidavits, exhibits, or documents the party believes should be included in the record for resolution of each issue.

² The offers filed with the Commission and served on the presiding officers must include a copy on disk, in a format compatible with Microsoft Word 2003.