

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

In re investigation pursuant to Federal)
Communications Commission Order 01-338 into)
whether economic and operational impairment) Docket No. 03-2019
exists in switching.)
_____)

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
AND
NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS

On February 18, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) voted to open an investigatory docket for the purpose of examining and determining whether economic and operational impairment exists in switching, pursuant to Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Order 01-338. This matter has been designated by the Commission as Docket No. 03-2019.

This matter comes within the purview of the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to Chapters 703 and 704 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code.

Ninety-Day Proceedings

The FCC’s Triennial Review Order (“TRO”) allows the Commission and all other state commissions ninety days from the effective date of the TRO to petition the FCC to rebut the national finding of non-impairment for local circuit switching for customers served by DS-1 or higher capacity loops (enterprise market). Any persons who desire to object to this presumption of non-impairment and desire to participate in a ninety-day proceeding as set forth in the TRO should file COMMENTS **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2003.**

Nine-Month Proceedings

The TRO requires the Commission and all other state commissions within nine months of the effective date of the TRO to make impairment and/or unbundling determinations regarding at

a minimum, DS1 loops, DS3 loops, dark fiber loops, dedicated transport for these loops, and DS0 capacity (mass market) local circuit switching. Any persons who desire to challenge a FCC finding of impairment and desiring to participate in a nine-month proceeding as set forth in the TRO should file COMMENTS **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2003.**

Issues to be addressed in the COMMENTS should include as appropriate, but are not limited to the following:

- List what you believe to be the most important issues to be addressed in the ninety-day and nine-month proceedings. Please identify any assumptions made in developing this list.
- Identify the important tasks facing interested persons and the Commission in this docket.
- Propose any specific procedures that you believe should be used in this docket.
- Comment on the likelihood of parties reaching a settlement agreement or making stipulations on any of the substantive issues.
- Comment on the extent that the Commission can and should coordinate efforts with other state commissions in either the ninety-day or nine-month proceedings.

Ninety-Day Proceedings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public WORKSHOP concerning the ninety day proceedings as follows:

Thursday, October 9, 2003

10:00 a.m.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

at which time interested persons may appear and be heard. The workshop may continue from day to day as necessary. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the COMMENTS, the issues and positions expressed therein, the most efficient way to proceed, and the time-frame for doing so.

Nine-Month Proceedings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public WORKSHOP concerning the nine-month proceedings as follows:

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

10:00 a.m.
Hearing Room A
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO:

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Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
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at which time interested persons may appear and be heard. The workshop may continue from day to day as necessary. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the COMMENTS, the issues and positions expressed therein, the most efficient way to proceed, and the time-frame for doing so.

This matter is available for public review at the Offices of the Commission: 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701, and 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

By the Commission,

CRYSTAL JACKSON, Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

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