

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission Ordered)
Investigation of the Existing Local Exchange) Case No. 99-998-TP-COI
Competition Guidelines.)

In the Matter of the Commission Review of)
the Regulatory Framework for Competitive) Case No. 99-563-TP-COI
Telecommunications Services Under)
Chapter 4927, Revised Code.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Pursuant to the Commission's Entry of August 24, 2000, initial and reply comments in Case No. 99-998-TP-COI (99-998), *In the Matter of the Commission Ordered Investigation of the Existing Local Exchange Competition Guidelines*, were to be filed on September 18, 2000, and October 6, 2000, respectively.
- (2) On August 31, 2000, the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) filed a motion for extension of time.¹ Specifically, OCC requests that initial comments related to 99-998 be filed no later than October 16, 2000, with reply comments filed no later than November 6, 2000.²

OCC asserts that the requested extension of time is necessary due to the comprehensive nature of the staff's proposal and in light of the need to compare the staff's current proposal to the guidelines and related comments previously proposed in Case No. 99-563-TP-COI, *In the Matter of the Commission Review of the Regulatory Framework for Competitive Telecommunications Services Under Chapter 4927, Revised Code*, and Case No. 99-998-TP-COI,

OCC also points to the fact that most, if not all, of the stakeholders in 99-998 are currently involved in comment cycles for a number of other generic dockets, each with similar time frames to that proposed by the Commission in 99-998.

¹ OCC requested an expedited ruling on its motion.

² OCC indicated that the following entities support its motion: AT&T Communications of Ohio, Inc., Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, CoreComm Newco, Inc., ICG Telecom Group Inc., and MCI WorldCom.

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- (3) On September 6, 2000, Rhythms Link Inc., and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., submitted its notice of adoption of OCC's motion for extension of time.
- (4) Ameritech Ohio and The Ohio Telecommunications Industry Association each filed its memoranda contra OCC's motion for an extension of time on September 6, 2000, and September 7, 2000, respectively. Both entities contend that the requested extension of time is unnecessary and will delay the Commission's ability to issue competition guidelines.
- (5) Upon balancing the need to allow adequate time for meaningful comments to be filed in 99-998, with the need to ultimately establish competition guidelines in a timely manner, the attorney examiner determines that a short extension of time should be provided for the filing of initial and reply comments in 99-998. Therefore, initial comments in 99-998 should now be filed on or before October 2, 2000, and reply comments should be filed no later than October 20, 2000. The comment cycle for Case No. 00-1532-TP-COI, *In the Matter of the Commission Ordered Investigation of an Elective Alternative Regulatory Framework for Incumbent Local Exchange Companies* shall remain unchanged.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, pursuant to Finding (5), OCC's motion for extension of time is granted in part and denied in part. It is further,

ORDERED, That this Entry be served upon all telephone companies certified to operate in Ohio, except CMRS providers, all interested persons filing comments in 99-563 and 99-998, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, all entities with RRJ dockets still pending with the Commission, and any other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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DATE OF SERVICE Sept 11, 2000

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