

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Petition of)
Communications Options, Inc. for)
Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms,)
and Conditions and Related Arrangements) Case No. 08-45-TP-ARB
with United Telephone Company of Ohio)
dba Embarq Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On January 16, 2008, Communication Options, Inc. (COI) filed a petition for arbitration (the petition) of numerous issues to establish an interconnection agreement (ICA) with United Telephone Company of Ohio dba Embarq (Embarq). COI filed the petition pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act).
- (2) Following a prehearing conference on February 21, 2008, and continued negotiations between the parties, a status conference call was scheduled for June 27, 2008, prior to a scheduled July 1-3, 2008, hearing. At the status conference call, the parties disagreed on evidentiary issues regarding cost studies that were included within Embarq's prefiled testimony. Consequently, the attorney examiner concluded that the hearing must be postponed to a later date in order to first address the pending evidentiary issues. In accordance with the June 27, 2008, status conference, to the extent that COI objects to portions of Embarq's prefiled testimony, COI is directed to file a motion to strike applicable portions of Embarq's prefiled testimony on or before June 30, 2008. Embarq shall file its applicable memorandum contra on or before July 2, 2008.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That COI file a motion to strike no later than June 30, 2008, and that Embarq file a memorandum contra no later than July 2, 2008. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the arbitration hearing scheduled for July 1-3, 2008, be postponed to a date that will be announced in a subsequent entry. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record and interested persons.

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