

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission Investi-)
gation Into the Treatment of Reciprocal) Case No. 99-941-TP-ARB
Compensation for Internet Service Pro-)
vider Traffic.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By entry issued February 22, 2001, a status conference was scheduled in this matter for March 14, 2001. This status conference was held as scheduled and a number of matters were addressed including the issues to be considered in this proceeding, hearing dates, discovery, and the potential for settlement discussions.
- (2) In light of the discussions at the status conference, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for hearing to commence on May 16, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission. Given the number of parties involved in this matter, consolidation of positions and stipulations of fact are encouraged. As indicated at the status conference, the parties are expected to address the issues as set forth in the Entry issued by the attorney examiner on March 15, 2000.
- (3) Seven days prior to the arbitration hearing, each party shall submit, either individually or jointly, to the arbitration panel an arbitration package that will assist the arbitrator(s) in the conduct of the hearing. The arbitration package shall contain the party's position as to each of the issues, the party's prefiled testimony, if any, and the exhibits which the party intends to introduce at the hearing. Witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination on their testimony. However, the arbitration panel shall have the authority to limit or prohibit cross-examination on policy or legal issues. "Friendly" cross-examination will not be permitted.
- (4) Further, the attorney examiner finds that a mediation conference should be scheduled for March 28, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission. An attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will be available to serve as mediator. In order that the parties may concentrate on the mediation efforts, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to continue to hold in abeyance the discovery process until after the March 28 conference.

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It is, therefore,


ORDERED, That this matter be scheduled for hearing on May 16, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in hearing room 11-D at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties comply with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a mediation conference be scheduled for March 28, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in hearing rooms 11-B and C at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record and their respective counsel.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

By: 
Jeffrey R. Jones
Attorney Examiner

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