

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Eads Fence )  
Company )  
Complainants, )  
v. ) Case No. 99-157-TP-CSS  
Ameritech Ohio, )  
Respondent. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On February 17, 1999, Eads Fence Company (Eads) filed a complaint against Ameritech Ohio (Ameritech) alleging that, for five months, it paid for Ameritech's Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) service, repeatedly notified Ameritech that RCF service was not working, and Ameritech failed to timely correct the problem. Eads claims that, as a result, it lost business and revenue. On March 15, 1999, Ameritech filed its answer admitting, in part, and denying, in part, the allegations of the complaint.
- (2) On April 15, 1999, a settlement conference was held in this matter; however, the parties were unable to resolve all of the issues. The parties requested that a hearing not be scheduled until they had additional time to continue negotiations.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that the parties have had sufficient time to conduct settlement negotiations and that this matter should now be set for hearing. Accordingly, a hearing should be held on November 23, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (4) In Commission proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint. Thus, at the hearing it shall be the complainant's responsibility to appear and be prepared to present evidence in support of the complaint.

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- (5) Any party intending to present direct, expert testimony should comply with Rule 4901-1-29(A)(1)(J), O.A.C., which requires that all such testimony to be offered in this type of proceeding be filed and served upon all parties no later than seven days prior to the commencement of the hearing.

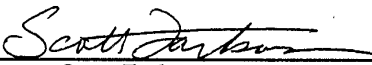
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a hearing be held as set forth in Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That any party intending to present direct, expert testimony comply with Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Commission serve a copy of this entry upon all parties of record

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



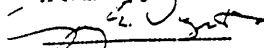
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