

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by the
Minnesota Telecom Alliance Against
Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding
Traffic Terminating from Qwest
Communications, Inc. Tandem Switches

**ORDER SUSPENDING
PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE
TERMS OF THE INTERIM
SETTLEMENT**

On March 16, 2005, the parties to this matter filed an Interim Settlement with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). On March 25, 2005, the ALJ inquired of the parties regarding some of the terms of the Interim Settlement. On April 28, 2005, Richard J. Johnson, Moss & Barnett, 4800 Wells Fargo Center, 90 South Seventh St, Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129, on behalf of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA), filed a clarification of the Interim Settlement. Linda S. Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 NCL Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-2131, on behalf of the Department of Commerce, conferred with Jason D. Topp, Qwest Corporation - Law Department, 200 South 5th Street, Room 2200, Minneapolis, MN 55402, for Qwest Communications, Inc. On May 6, 2005, Linda Jensen indicated the neither the Department nor Qwest disagreed with MTA's clarification.

Based on the terms of the Interim Settlement, the subsequent clarifications of that document, and all of the files and proceedings, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

ORDER

1. This matter is suspended for a period of one year. The Administrative Law Judge shall keep this matter open and either MTA or Qwest may request that proceedings be reinstated during that period.
2. The clarifications to the Interim Settlement provided by MTA on April 28, 2005 are hereby incorporated into the Settlement. With the incorporation of those clarifications, the Interim Settlement is approved in its entirety.
3. In the event that proceedings in this matter must be reinstated, the party seeking reinstatement shall make a motion requesting that relief pursuant to the procedure set forth in Minn. R. 1400.6600 and the first Prehearing Order in this matter. The moving party will contact the ALJ for the current official service list for serving the motion.
4. The parties to this matter are responsible for updating staff of the Office of Administrative Hearings in the event of changes to the official service list.

5. The parties will inform the ALJ upon the conclusion of the interim settlement period that this matter may be closed and the official record returned to the Public Utilities Commission. That information shall be in writing and served upon the official service list current at the time of filing.

Dated: June 9, 2005

/s/ Steve M. Mihalchick
STEVE M. MIHALCHICK
Administrative Law Judge