

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of
Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Operating
Companies to CenturyLink

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR ADMISSION OF K.C.
HALM PRO HAC VICE AND
JOINT PETITIONERS' MOTION
FOR MODIFICATION OF FIRST
PREHEARING ORDER**

TO: All Persons on the Attached Service List

Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice

1. On September 30, 2010, Gregory R. Merz, counsel for Integra Telecom, Velocity Telephone, Level 3 Communications, and Charter Fiberlink, filed a Motion for Admission of K.C. Halm Pro Hac Vice. No objections to this Motion have been filed.

Joint Petitioners' Motion for Modification of the First Prehearing Order

2. On September 30, 2010, the Joint Petitioners filed a motion to modify the portions of the First Prehearing Order relating to (1) objections to the qualifications of a witness or the admissibility of prefiled testimony, and (2) discussion of new information in witnesses' summaries of prefiled testimony.

3. Paragraph 26 of the First Prehearing Order states that, "[e]xcept for good cause shown, objections by any party relating to the qualifications of a witness or the admissibility of any portion of the prefiled testimony of a witness shall be considered waived unless the objecting party states its objection by motion . . . no later than three days before the hearing begins." Because the deadline for the filing of the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony has been extended to Friday, October 1, and the hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 5, the Joint Petitioners maintain that there is good cause to modify the First Prehearing Order to permit them to object to any portion of the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony prior to the prehearing conference scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2010.

4. Paragraph 24 of the First Prehearing Order specifies that witnesses will be given ten minutes in which to summarize their prefiled testimony and required that, in order for witnesses to include new information in their summaries, a motion must be made showing good cause why that information was not addressed in prefiled

testimony. Because the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony will not be filed until October 1, the Joint Petitioners request that their witnesses be permitted, during their summaries, to address any new issues that may arise in response to the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony.

5. No objections have been filed to the Joint Petitioners' Motion for Modification of the First Prehearing Order.

Based on all of the files and proceedings in this matter, the Administrative Law Judge hereby makes the following:

ORDER

1. The Motion for Admission of K.C. Halm Pro Hac Vice is GRANTED.
2. The Motion for Modification of the First Prehearing Order is GRANTED.
 - a. The Joint Petitioners shall be permitted to file any objections to the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2010.
 - b. During their summaries, Joint Petitioners' witnesses shall be permitted a limited opportunity to address new issues in response to the Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony.

Date: October 1, 2010

s/Barbara L. Neilson

BARBARA L. NEILSON
Administrative Law Judge