

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>RON LUDWIG,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">v.</p> <p>LEAST COST ROUTING, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-00-5 (C-00-148)</p>
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

(Issued November 6, 2000)

On November 3, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a Motion for Extension of Time In Which to File Prepared Direct Testimony. The parties are attempting to negotiate a settlement of this case, and the Consumer Advocate proposes to file its prepared direct testimony on or before November 10, 2000 if the parties are unable to reach a settlement. Mr. Ludwig and Least Cost Routing do not object to the request for an extension.

Although the parties did not request that Mr. Ludwig also be granted an extension of time to file prepared direct testimony, the undersigned finds that the Consumer Advocate and Mr. Ludwig should be on the same filing schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Notice of Hearing issued September 20, 2000, and amended on October 9, 2000, is hereby amended as follows.

2. On or before November 10, 2000, the Consumer Advocate and Mr. Ludwig must file prepared direct testimony and exhibits.

3. All other provisions of the Order Establishing Procedural Schedule and Notice of Hearing issued September 20, 2000, and the Amended Procedural Order issued October 9, 2000, remain the same.

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/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of November, 2000.