

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-05-4</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR
MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued October 18, 2005)

On October 14, 2005, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint request to modify the procedural schedule established in this docket by Board order issued June 30, 2005, and subsequently modified by Board order issued September 30, 2005. Pursuant to the current procedural schedule, post-hearing reply briefs are to be filed with the Board on or before October 14, 2005. When the parties requested the current schedule, they agreed to waive the time period in which a decision must be made in this docket pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(4)(C) provided that the Board issue a final decision in this matter on or before November 15, 2005.

In support of their October 14, 2005, request, the parties state they have been negotiating in good faith in an effort to reach settlement on the terms and conditions of an interconnection agreement. The parties state that the likelihood of resolution is best served by focusing on the negotiations rather than continuing efforts toward completing briefs. As such, the parties seek a further extension of the deadline for filing reply briefs until November 7, 2005. In addition, the parties agree to modify their joint waiver of the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(4)(C) and allow the Board until December 16, 2005, to enter a final decision in this docket.

The Board has reviewed the parties' joint request and finds that it is reasonable. The procedural schedule previously established in this docket is vacated and a modified procedural schedule will be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint request to modify the procedural schedule in Docket No. ARB-05-4 filed by Level 3 Communications, LLC, and Qwest Corporation on October 14, 2005, is granted.
2. Any party desiring to file post-hearing reply briefs may do so on or before November 7, 2005.

3. The Board shall issue a final decision in this docket on or before
December 16, 2005.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson _____
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of October, 2005.