

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">vs.</p> <p>MCI, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NOS. FCU-05-53 FCU-05-56</p>
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**ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

(Issued November 7, 2005)

On October 18, 2005, the undersigned administrative law judge issued a procedural order and notice of hearing that, among other things, set the hearing for this case for January 5, 2006. On October 31, 2005, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a motion for modification of the procedural order and request for an expedited ruling. The Consumer Advocate requested modification of the procedural schedule to allow for three months of investigation and discovery prior to the presentation of evidence. On November 2, 2005, MCI, Inc. filed a resistance to the motion.

On November 3, 2005, the parties and the undersigned held a prehearing conference to discuss the motion and resistance and options for the procedural

schedule. The parties agreed that the procedural schedule in the case would be suspended and a second prehearing conference would be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at 10 a.m. The purposes of the prehearing conference on December 13 will be to discuss: 1) the status of investigation and discovery; 2) whether the parties need additional time for investigation and discovery and if so, how much time is needed; and 3) whether a new procedural schedule should be established, and if so, what that schedule should be.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the order issued October 18, 2005, is hereby suspended until further order.
2. The hearing set for January 5, 2006, is hereby cancelled.
3. A prehearing conference will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, beginning at 10 a.m. in Board Conference Room 2 for the purposes set forth in this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
Amy L. Christensen  
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.