

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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<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 SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

(Issued February 24, 2006)

On January 5, 2006, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), filed a petition for reconsideration of the Board's "Arbitration Order" issued December 16, 2005, in Docket No. ARB-05-4. Level 3 objects to and seeks review of nearly all of the issues decided in the December 16 order including (1) the interconnection architecture and the cost responsibility related thereto; (2) Virtual NXX (VNXX) arrangements; and (3) intercarrier compensation for Internet service provider (ISP) – bound and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) traffic. As part of its petition for reconsideration, Level 3 requests an opportunity to file additional briefs with the Board and present oral argument on the matter.

On January 19, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) responded to Level 3's petition. As part of its response, Qwest asks that the Board deny Level 3's request for additional briefing and oral argument.

The Board is aware that the law on the issues raised in this docket is continuing to evolve. The Board believes additional briefing on the issues may be helpful. However, the Board does not find that additional oral argument is necessary at this time.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The following briefing schedule is established in Docket No. ARB-05-4:

1. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before March 27, 2006.
2. The parties may file reply briefs on or before April 10, 2006.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.