

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	WC Docket No. 18-60
)	
Iowa Network Access Division)	Transmittal No. 36
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1)	
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ORDER

Adopted: April 25, 2018**Released: April 25, 2018**

By the Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau grants in part and denies in part AT&T's request for an expedited filing date for any oppositions to its motion to Amend Protective Order and For Expedited Ruling.¹ AT&T requests, among other things, expedited consideration of its motion with a three-business-day period for oppositions.² Although we decline to adopt a three-business-day period for oppositions as requested, we agree that an expedited schedule is appropriate due to the compressed procedural schedule in this proceeding. Accordingly, we require that any opposition to the AT&T Motion be filed no later than Monday, April 30, 2018.

2. On March 26, 2018, the Bureau adopted a *Protective Order* in connection with the investigation of whether the tariff revisions filed by Iowa Network Access Division d/b/a Aureon (Aureon) to its interstate access Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 36,³ are consistent with the Order that the Federal Communications Commission adopted last year regarding the formal complaint proceeding between AT&T and Aureon,⁴ and the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as well as the Commission's implementing rules and orders.⁵ On April 19, 2018, the Bureau adopted a *Designation Order*, specifically designating issues for investigation regarding the lawfulness of the tariff revisions Aureon filed with the Commission on February 22, 2018.⁶ The *Designation Order* adopted an expedited schedule under which Aureon must file its Direct Case on May 3, 2018, oppositions to the Direct Case are due on May 10, 2018, and rebuttal on May 17, 2018.⁷

3. The AT&T Motion requests amendment of the *Protective Order* in this proceeding to allow access to "Confidential" information by inside consultants providing "technical or expert advice and are

¹ See the Motion of AT&T Services, Inc. to Amend Protective Order and For Expedited Ruling, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36 (filed Apr. 23, 2018) (AT&T Motion).

² *Id.* at 1.

³ See Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 36 (Feb. 22, 2018) (Transmittal No. 36) (available via the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System).

⁴ *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Network Services, Inc., d/b/a Aureon Network Services*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 9677 (2017), pet. for recon. pending.

⁵ See *Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36, Protective Order, DA 18-294 (WCB Mar. 26, 2018) (*Protective Order*).

⁶ *Iowa Network Access Division Tariff F.C.C. No. 1*, WC Docket No. 18-60, Transmittal No. 36, Order Designating Issues for Investigation, DA 18-395 (WCB Apr. 19, 2018) (*Designation Order*).

⁷ *Id.*

not involved in ‘Competitive Decision-Making,’ as that term is defined in the *Protective Order*.’⁸ AT&T further requests: (1) expedited consideration of its motion, with a three-business-day period for any opposition; (2) for a specified AT&T cost analyst, waiver of the five-day waiting period after signing an acknowledgement to gain access to confidential information in this proceeding; and (3) amendment of the *Protective Order* to require each party to provide, on the date of submission, all supporting data, including “Confidential” information to any party authorized to review such information.⁹

4. Given the compressed procedural schedule established by the *Designation Order*, we grant in part and deny in part AT&T’s request for an expedited filing date for oppositions to its motion. Specifically, we deny AT&T’s request for a three-business-day period for oppositions, but grant its request for an expedited opposition schedule.¹⁰ Pursuant to this Order, oppositions to the AT&T Motion must be filed no later than Monday, April 30, 2018.¹¹

5. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, the Motion of AT&T Services, Inc. to Amend Protective Order and For Expedited Ruling IS GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that oppositions to the Motion of AT&T Services, Inc. to Amend Protective Order and For Expedited Ruling are due April 30, 2018.

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⁸ AT&T Motion at 1.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ See 47 CFR § 1.45 (containing a default procedural schedule for motions and oppositions thereto).

¹¹ This Order does not address any of the other requests contained in the AT&T Motion, which remain pending.