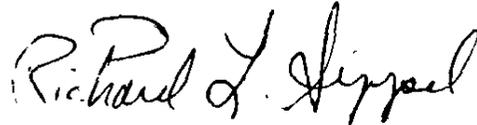


The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with respect to expert witnesses shall be utilized, where applicable and appropriate, to facilitate discovery (e.g., data compilation and bases for expert opinions), while respecting privileges.³ Shortened methods of proof are the goal, and counsel may agree to categories of proof and evidentiary procedures which utilize proxy or surrogate evidence. Counsel are urged to agree to use frozen direct testimony and deposition testimony as evidence where possible and practicable.

Finally, there shall be a schedule set for completion of document and deposition discovery (including depositions of expert witnesses), submission of trial briefs, exchange of cases in chief, notification of witnesses for cross-examination, and dates for hearings. Counsel for the assignment parties shall consult with Bureau counsel and the parties shall submit jointly a proposed schedule by **October 11, 2002**.

SO ORDERED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

³ See, e.g., FRCP 26(a)(2) (disclosure of expert testimony) and FRCP 26(b)(4)(5) (trial preparation, experts, privilege and protection).