

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Calaveras Telephone Company, Ducor Telephone Company, Foresthill Telephone Co., Kerman Telephone Co., The Ponderosa Telephone Co., The Siskiyou Telephone Company, and Volcano Telephone Company,

Complainants,

vs.

WirelessCo, L.P., dba Sprint PCS, Sprint Spectrum L.P., as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo, L.P., and UbiquiTel Inc.,

Defendants.

Case 05-09-025
(Filed September 19, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
EXTENDING TIME TO ANSWER COMPLAINT**

On October 18, 2005, defendant Ubiquitel Inc. (Ubiquitel) filed a motion, pursuant to Rule 13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requesting that the Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) grant a 30-day extension of the time within which to file an answer to the complaint.

Ubiquitel's answer is currently due on October 26, 2005. The motion also states that counsel for the complainants "has acquiesced to the requested 30-day extension of time."

As noted in the Instructions to Answer served on all parties on September 26, 2005, this case has been assigned to me. Thus, I am authorized to rule on the motion in lieu of the Chief ALJ.

Because Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) requires the Commission to dispose of adjudication cases such as this one within a year after they are filed, extensions of time to answer complaints are not favored. However, in view of the complainants' lack of opposition to the request here, it is appropriate to grant Ubiquitel a limited extension of time to answer. Under the circumstances, a 15-day extension of time to answer the complaint is reasonable.

In accordance with the discussion set forth above, **IT IS RULED** that the time of defendant Ubiquitel Inc. to answer the complaint herein is extended to and including November 10, 2005.

Dated October 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ A. KIRK McKENZIE

A. Kirk McKenzie
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Extending Time to Answer Complaint on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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