

LDC COALITION INTERROGATORY #17

INTERROGATORY

Reference: Evidence of Wirebury Connections Inc., August 7, 2003, Paragraph 75

What is the purpose of the "conditional approval" contemplated by Wirebury where the connection of the applicant would result in a material negative impact on the affected LDC? What does Wirebury anticipate the applicant distributor that holds a "conditional approval" being authorized to do with respect to its connection to the affected LDC in the absence of a final approval of the licence amendment application?

RESPONSE

The general intent behind the concept of a "conditional approval" is to allow for the applicant distributor to undertake appropriate planning, engineering, and material requisitioning while negotiations with the affected LDC take place. Such activities would be at the cost and risk of the applicant distributor. In the instance of a new customer, the "conditional approval" would not, absent agreement of the parties or order of the Board, allow the applicant distributor to connect with the host distributor's system until an agreement between the two distributors is finalized or any dispute resolved.

