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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Welcome everyone. We are
3 here for the pre-hearing conference in Case No.
4 XM-2008-0291 which concerns the application of PNG
5 Telecommunications, Inc., to acquire certain assets of
6 GlobalTouch Telecom, Inc.

7 We'll begin today by taking entries of appearance
8 starting with PNG Telecommunications.

9 MS. YOUNG: Thank you, Judge. Please let
10 the record reflect the appearance of Mary Ann Young
11 with William D. Steinmeier, P.C.

12 I provided the court reporter with a written
13 appearance with our address and other contact
14 information.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for staff?

16 MR. HAAS: Good morning. William K. Haas
17 appearing on behalf of the staff of the Public Service
18 Commission. My address is Post Office Box 360,
19 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And I don't see anyone
21 here for the Office of Public Counsel which would be
22 the only other party.

23 The Commission scheduled this pre-hearing
24 conference at the request of staff, and my
25 understanding is staff is looking for some additional

1 information from the company.

2 Mr. Haas, can you explain what the situation is?

3 MR. HAAS: One of the pieces of information
4 that we are looking for is documentation that the
5 tariff filing, which the company just made in the last
6 couple of days, to grandfather the services being
7 provided to the acquired customers, were the same rate
8 plans that were being provided to the customers by
9 their previous provider.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And once you have that
11 information you'll be able to do a recommendation to
12 the Commission?

13 MR. HAAS: I hope so.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Ms. Young, what's the
15 situation from the company's perspective?

16 MS. YOUNG: I had just a few preliminary
17 matters, Judge, and one of them was to mention that
18 the tariff has been filed. It has been assigned
19 Tariff File No. JX-2008-0637. It was filed on
20 April 27th with a proposed effective date of June 1st.

21 I intend to file a supplement to the application
22 and submit a copy of that tariff so that it will be
23 reflected in the case file for this matter. We also
24 received additional data requests from staff yesterday
25 and will be working to respond to those.

1 I think, in light of the timing of the tariff
2 filing, and the fact we do still have some discovery
3 from staff, PNG acknowledges that the April 30th
4 request for action by the Commission is highly
5 unlikely at this point. But we do hope that we can
6 resolve any outstanding information requests from the
7 staff so that we can get the matter to the Commission
8 for consideration very soon.

9 And I don't know that we need to modify the motion
10 for expedited treatment, other than what we say today
11 on the record, but we certainly would hope to get the
12 matter wrapped up as soon as possible, and possibly
13 even -- if we could work things out with staff -- ask
14 for the tariff to go into effect sooner than June 1st
15 if that's possible.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, it doesn't sound
17 like we're going to need a procedural schedule, as far
18 as a hearing or anything at this point, so the purpose
19 of really today is for the parties to get together and
20 discuss what is needed and what can be given to staff,
21 so I don't really need to be here for that part of the
22 discussion.

23 I'll just wait then for -- I guess I'm waiting for
24 staff to file a recommendation or any other motion
25 that you need to file as far as if you don't get what

1 you need.

2 I will ask that if nothing else has happened
3 within a week from today that you give me a status
4 report. And, of course, if you can get the work done
5 and get the recommendation filed before then, then
6 don't worry about the status report.

7 Any questions or any matters anyone else wants to
8 bring up?

9 All right. With that then, the on-the-record
10 portion of the proceeding is adjourned. I'll leave
11 you to your discussions, and good luck.

12 (WHEREIN, the recorded portion of the pre-hearing
13 conference was concluded.)

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