# EXHIBIT A

From: Cremer, Karen [mailto:Karen.Cremer@state.sd.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 2:19 PM
To: Knudson, Scott; 'scott@swierlaw.com'
Cc: 'Meredith Moore'; 'Thomas Welk'; Schenkenberg, Philip; 'bvancamp@olingerlaw.net'; 'Coit, Rich'; 'Stan Whiting (swhiting@gwtc.net)'; 'Jason Sutton'; 'Jason Topp'
Subject: RE: Scheduling in TC 11-87

I intend to have the Commission issue a procedural schedule in this matter. Sprint has agreed to a January 18, 2013, production date for the documents and other discovery the Commission ordered NAT to produce in its May 4, 2012 order granting Sprint's motion to compel. Are these other dates acceptable to the parties, is so, please let me know by Friday, December 21, 2012:

DATE	ACTION ITEM
APRIL 1, 2013	ALL DISCOVERY TO BE COMPLETED (FACT & EXPERT)
APRIL 8, 2013	NAT'S SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY DUE
MAY 8, 2013	INTERVENORS' SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY DUE
MAY 29, 2013	ALL PARTIES' PRE- HEARING MOTIONS DUE
JUNE 14, 2013	ALL PARTIES' RESPONSES TO PRE-HEARING MOTIONS DUE

# 12-3-2012

TBD	SDPUC HEARING ON PARTIES' PRE-HEARING MOTIONS
TBD	SDPUC HEARING

From: Knudson, Scott [mailto:SKnudson@Briggs.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 3:03 PM
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Scott

For discovery months overdue, I fail to see how NAT can object to a completely reasonable request to see the documents before the Christmas holiday, when people are likely to be unavailable. Sprint has a right to and expects a full and complete response by NAT's self-declared deadline.

Regards,

Scott Knudson

From: <u>scott@swierlaw.com</u> [mailto:scott@swierlaw.com]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 3:41 PM
To: Knudson, Scott; Meredith Moore; Cremer, Karen; 'Thomas Welk'; Schenkenberg, Philip; 'bvancamp@olingerlaw.net'; 'Coit, Rich'; 'Stan Whiting (<u>swhiting@gwtc.net</u>)'; 'Jason Sutton'; Jason Topp
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Scott:

If everyone agrees that the proceeding can be delayed for a matter of months, why must the discovery date be December 17, 2012?

Nonetheless, my schedule simply will not allow me to review and provide NAT's production to you by December 17, 2012.

I have provided you with the date on which I will be able to provide this information.

Thank you.

Scott

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Original Message Subject: Scheduling in TC 11-87 From: "Knudson, Scott" < <u>SKnudson@Briggs.com</u> > Date: Wed, December 05, 2012 3:40 pm To: "' <u>scott@swierlaw.com</u> '" < <u>scott@swierlaw.com</u> >, Meredith Moore < <u>meredithm@cutlerlawfirm.com</u> >, "Cremer, Karen" < <u>Karen.Cremer@state.sd.us</u> >, 'Thomas Welk' < <u>tjwelk@bgpw.com</u> >, "Schenkenberg, Philip" < <u>PSchenkenberg@Briggs.com</u> >, "' <u>bvancamp@olingerlaw.net</u> '" < <u>bvancamp@olingerlaw.net</u> >, "'Coit, Rich'" < <u>richcoit@sdtaonline.com</u> >, "Stan Whiting ( <u>swhiting@gwtc.net</u> )'" <swhiting@gwtc.net>, 'Jason Sutton' <irsutton@bgpw.com>, Jason Topp</irsutton@bgpw.com></swhiting@gwtc.net>
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Scott:

Sprint has no issue with the proposed schedule to have NAT's application for a certificate of authority heard by the Commission sometime in the middle of 2013.

But Sprint cannot agree to a January 18, 2013 production date for the documents and other discovery the Commission ordered NAT to produce in its May 4, 2012 order granting Sprint's motion to compel. NAT never contested that part of the May 4 order in its appeal, and in any case, the circuit court dismissed that appeal. NAT's responses are long overdue. Sprint is entitled to a complete response from NAT by December 17.

Regards,

Scott Knudson

Rich'; Knudson, Scott; 'Stan Whiting (<u>swhiting@gwtc.net</u>)'; 'Jason Sutton'; Jason Topp **Subject:** RE: TC11-087 NAT application for a COA

Everyone:

Pursuant to our teleconference last week, attached please find (in Word and pdf format) NAT's *second* proposed scheduling order in this matter.

NAT would also propose that its outstanding discovery be produced to the intervenors on or before January 18, 2013.

Scott

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