

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA AND CITY OF HAWARDEN	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-8
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**ORDER APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued May 7, 1999)

On April 2, 1999, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Heartland) and the City of Hawarden (City) filed a first amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). Heartland and City originally entered into an interconnection agreement dated August 19, 1998, approved by the Board on September 30, 1998. The first amendment is dated March 24 and 26, 1999. The Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-99-8 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

The statutory standard to be applied by the Board in its review of a negotiated interconnection agreement is in two parts: (1) whether the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) whether the implementation of the agreement, or a portion, is not consistent with the public

interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)"2"(A). The filed agreement satisfies the two-part standard and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The first amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement between Heartland Communications Company of Iowa and the City of Hawarden, filed with the Board on April 2, 1999, and reviewed in a proceeding identified as Docket No. NIA-99-8 is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms\_\_\_\_\_

/s/ Susan J. Frye\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of May, 1999.