

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: DIRECT-TEL USA, LLC	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-21 TF-99-193 WRU-99-37-3332
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING TARIFF, GRANTING WAIVER,
AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued November 2, 1999)

On June 25, 1999, Direct-Tel USA, LLC (Direct-Tel), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the exchanges served by U S West Communications, Inc. (U S West). The application is identified as Docket No. TCU-99-21. At the same time, Direct-Tel filed a tariff identified as TF-99-193. On September 23, 1999, the Board extended the time for consideration of Direct-Tel's application in order to allow Direct-Tel time to file corrections to its proposed tariff. Direct-Tel has filed a statement that it concurs in the local service area maps of U S West, which are on file with the Board. The Board has carefully reviewed the application and finds Direct-Tel has demonstrated that it has the requisite technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Direct-Tel. Pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29(2), the Board will grant Direct-Tel's application.

Direct-Tel also requested the Board waive the requirements of three of the Board's rules. First, Direct-Tel sought a waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), which requires utilities to maintain accounts pursuant to a modified version of the system of accounts. Direct-Tel stated it would maintain its books in accordance with generally-accepted accounting rules. Direct-Tel also requested the Board grant it a waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-18.2 which requires it to maintain its records within the state. In support of its request, Direct-Tel stated it maintains its records in its offices located in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and pledged its cooperation in making its records available for inspection by the Board. Finally, Direct-Tel asked the Board to grant it a waiver of the IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-22.3(1) requirement that it publish a directory.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant Direct-Tel's requests for waiver. Based on the nature of local exchange service Direct-Tel will provide, none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review its records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless Direct-Tel serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

The Board has also reviewed the tariff filed by Direct-Tel and finds that the tariff substantially complies with the Board's rules and the service proposed to be rendered by Direct-Tel. Pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29, the Board will issue a certificate to Direct-Tel simultaneously with issuance of this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Direct-Tel USA, LLC, on June 25, 1999, identified as Docket No. TCU-99-21, is granted.
2. The tariff filing, identified as TF-99-193, filed by Direct-Tel on June 25, 1999, is approved.
3. The petition for waiver filed by Direct-Tel, identified as Docket No. WRU-99-37-3332, is granted.
4. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0201, is issued to Direct-Tel with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of November, 1999.