

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS, L.C.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-12 WRU-00-35-3390
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,  
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued June 14, 2000)

On March 17, 2000, Communication Connections, L.C. (Connections), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service in Iowa. Connections stated its intention to provide service in the GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) exchanges of Albert City, Emmetsburg, Mallard, Manson, Pomeroy, and Rolfe. Additionally, Connections stated its intention to provide service in the U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), exchanges of Algona, Cherokee, Estherville, Garner, Laurens, Milford, Pocahontas, Sheldon, Sioux Rapids, Spencer, Storm Lake, and Webster City. Connections will concur in the current maps of GTE and U S WEST, as well as any changes to those maps. Connections will make available 2-PIC methodology for intraLATA and interLATA calling.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant

"possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has reviewed Connections' application and finds Connections has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Connections.

Connections requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts. Connections stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Connections also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1) requiring it to independently publish a directory.

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

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Communication Connections, L.C., on March 17, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.

2. At the time Communication Connections, L.C., files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Connections, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

3. The concurrence in the GTE Midwest Incorporated and U S WEST Communications, Inc., maps and boundaries is approved.

4. Connections' requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2) and 22.3(1) are granted.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.