

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>LTDS CORPORATION,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">v.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-00-4</p>
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**ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR ANSWER AND SETTING HEARING**

(Issued August 30, 2000)

On August 28, 2000, LTDS Corporation (LTDS) filed a complaint against Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), alleging that Iowa Telecom is in violation of specified federal and state statutes and a Utilities Board (Board) approved interconnection agreement because Iowa Telecom is refusing to provide interconnection trunks requested and required by LTDS to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier in Iowa. LTDS requests, among other things, that the Board order immediate relief to LTDS in the form of an order directing Iowa Telecom, during the pendency of this matter, to interconnect with LTDS in the manner requested by LTDS.

The Board's rules provide that an answer to a complaint must be filed with the Board within 20 days of the date the complaint was filed, unless otherwise ordered by

the Board. 199 IAC 7.5(1). Because LTDS has requested immediate relief in this docket, and because LTDS has alleged numerous, potentially serious violations of a number of state and federal statutes, the Board will order that the time for Iowa Telecom to respond to LTDS's request for immediate relief should be shortened. Iowa Telecom is ordered to file and serve its answer to the complaint, and particularly its response to the request for immediate relief, no later than September 6, 2000. Iowa Telecom may be allowed to amend its answer later upon a showing that the short response time prevented a complete answer.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, shall file and serve its answer to the complaint filed August 28, 2000, by LTDS Corporation, no later than September 6, 2000.
2. If necessary after the filing of the answer, a hearing on the request for immediate relief will be held in the Board's Hearing Room beginning at 9 a.m. on September 12, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.