

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GLOBAL TELELINK SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-46 WRU-00-56-3427 TF-00-199
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION, CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued October 25, 2000)

On August 3, 2000, Global TeleLink Services, Inc. (Global), 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 statewide facilities-based and resold local exchange services. Initially, Global proposes to offer service only in the exchanges served by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated (Iowa Telecom). The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-46. Global states that it will adopt the maps of the exchanges of the two incumbent local exchange carriers where it proposes to provide service. In addition, Global has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements and has agreed to adopt the 2-PIC methodology for intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

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 Global's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds that it is consistent with the public interest to approve the application.

Global also states that its service area will mirror the service territory of Qwest and Iowa Telecom and concurs in their exchange and service area maps. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Global has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the maps of the two incumbent local exchange carriers.

Global has requested that the Board waive the requirements of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1). The waiver requests were identified as Docket No. WRU-00-56-3427.

Global requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires the keeping of records according to the uniform system of accounts. Global states that it employs

an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Board finds that this waiver should be granted, since records kept in accordance with GAAP accounting are acceptable for a competitive local exchange service provider.

Global has requested that the requirements of 199 IAC 18.2 be waived. The rule requires that a regulated public utility keep its records in Iowa. The Board will grant the waiver based upon the statement of Global that it will make the records available to the Board upon request.

Global also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory. The Board will grant this waiver since Global does not have a sufficient number of customers to warrant publishing a directory.

Global filed proposed tariffs for Board approval identified as Docket No. TF-00-199. Global has not completed revisions of its tariff to comply with Board rules, so the Board will not issue a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service until the proposed tariffs are approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Global TeleLink Services, Inc., on August 3, 2000, is approved, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Global TeleLink Services, Inc., to provide facilities-based and resold local

exchange service upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa.

3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, is approved.

4. The waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2) are granted as described in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

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

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of October, 2000.