

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>LTDS CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Complainant,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-00-4</p>
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**ORDER REVISING BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND  
ACKNOWLEDGING NEW DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION**

(Issued November 20, 2000)

On August 28, 2000, LTDS Corporation (LTDS) filed a complaint against Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom). LTDS's complaint was filed pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.101(8) and 476.3(1) (1999) and 199 IAC ch. 6 (1999). LTDS alleged Iowa Telecom was refusing to interconnect with LTDS in violation of federal and state statutes and the Utilities Board (Board) approved interconnection agreement between LTDS and Iowa Telecom.

Iowa Telecom filed an answer to the complaint on September 7, 2000, stating that it does not refuse to interconnect with LTDS, but disputes LTDS's interpretation

of how (or whether) Internet traffic should be exchanged pursuant to the interconnection agreement.

Iowa Code § 476.101(8) provides, in relevant part, that when the Board initiates formal complaint proceedings in response to a written complaint regarding a local exchange carrier's compliance with sections 476.96 through 476.102, "[t]he board shall render a decision in the proceeding within 90 days after the date the written complaint was filed." Thus, the deadline for Board action in this docket was November 27, 2000. At the hearing held November 8 and 9, 2000, the parties requested the Board revise the previously-established briefing schedule to allow additional time to prepare the initial briefs and to permit the filing of reply briefs. The proposed briefing schedule would extend beyond the November 27, 2000, deadline for Board action.

Pursuant to an agreement by all parties at the hearing, the Board will revise the briefing schedule. The parties have agreed to extend their right to a Board decision in this docket to December 22, 2000, so that the initial and reply briefs may be considered in the Board's final determination.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The procedural schedule is modified as follows:
  - d. Any party desiring to file an initial brief may do so on or before November 22, 2000.

e. Any party desiring to file a reply brief, responding to an issue raised in an initial brief, may do so on or before November 29, 2000.

2. Pursuant to an agreement by the parties, the deadline for Board action in this proceeding will be December 22, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.