

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA</p>	<p>DOCKET NOS. SPU-99-31 TF-01-58</p>
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKETS

(Issued August 28, 2001)

On November 9, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Citizens Iowa) filed a joint application with the Utilities Board (Board) for approval of reorganization, discontinuance of service, and transfer of certificates, pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.77, 476.20, and 476.29. The application was identified as Docket No. SPU-99-31. The Board docketed the joint application and on May 5, 2000, issued an "Order Approving Partial Settlement Agreement, Not Disapproving Proposed Reorganization, Authorizing Transfer of Certificate, Allowing Discontinuance of Service, Waiving 199 IAC 18.2, Designating as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, and Permitting Adoption of Price Plan." The May 5, 2000, order authorized the acquisition by Citizens Iowa of certain properties being sold by Qwest. On February 21, 2001, the Board issued an order authorizing the

sale of exchanges to Citizens Telecommunications Company of Iowa, LLC (Citizens LLC) rather than Citizens Iowa.

By letter dated July 23, 2001, Citizens LLC informed the Board that the sale of the exchanges by Qwest to Citizens LLC would not proceed as anticipated. On August 6, 2001, Qwest made a filing that confirmed this information. Qwest indicates that it has also terminated its agreements to sell exchanges in eight other states. Qwest indicates that it will continue to provide service to the affected exchanges and will notify customers that the anticipated sale will not be completed.

On February 26, 2001, Citizens LLC filed a proposed tariff to change the labels on the exchange maps for the exchanges that it had anticipated purchasing from Qwest. The proposed tariff was identified as Docket No. TF-01-58.

Based upon the confirmation of both parties to the sale of exchanges, the Board will close Docket Nos. SPU-99-31 and TF-01-58 and terminate the proceedings addressing the sale. The closing of the sale was scheduled earlier this year and was contingent on several factors. Since the sale has been terminated, the exchanges will remain in Qwest's service territory and subject to Qwest's quality of service obligations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceedings concerning the sale of certain exchanges from U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, to Citizens

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Telecommunications Company of Iowa, LLC, successor to Citizens

Telecommunications Company of Iowa, Docket No. SPU-99-31, are closed.

2. Docket No. TF-01-58 filed by Citizens Telecommunications of Iowa, LLC, on February 26, 2001, is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of August, 2001.