

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. RPU-01-10
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued December 20, 2001)

On November 30, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing a filing by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of a renewed price regulation plan. The Board raised certain questions about the renewed price regulation plan including whether Section III. G of the plan was lawful. The Board set a briefing schedule and directed that a party believing relevant factual issues existed that required a hearing should file a proposed procedural schedule on or before December 10, 2001.

On December 13, 2001, Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier), filed a petition to intervene in this docket. Frontier states that it has a direct interest in this proceeding since the Board references the same language in its renewed price regulation plan as it is questioning in Qwest's plan. Frontier requests that it be allowed to intervene and file a brief and participate in any other proceedings in this docket.

The Board will grant intervention to Frontier pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d." Frontier has a direct interest in this proceeding since the same language found in

Section III. G of Qwest's renewed price regulation plan is in Frontier's renewed plan. The Board has contacted Qwest and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and neither has an objection to the intervention. Since the time for requesting a hearing on any factual issues has passed, Frontier will be allowed to file a brief on December 31, 2001, and participate in any other proceedings in this docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc., on December 13, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of December, 2001.