

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE: ESSENTIAL.COM, INC.	DOCKET NO. TCU-00-20
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**ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE**

(Issued January 25, 2002)

On June 27, 2000, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order approving the application of Essential.com, Inc. (Essential), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in Iowa. In that order, the Board stated that a certificate would be issued to Essential to commence service when it gave notice to all affected local exchange carriers and when it had approved tariffs showing the rates, conditions, and terms of service it would be providing.

On March 22, 2001, Essential filed a tariff for review by the Board. Upon review of the proposed tariff, the Board determined that Essential had not given the required notice to affected carriers. On June 19, 2001, the Board issued an order rejecting Essential's proposed tariff due to non-notification of affected carriers. In that order, the Board stated that Essential may refile its proposed tariff when it provided notice to all affected carriers.

On January 18, 2002, United Systems Access, Inc., on behalf of Essential, filed a letter with the Board requesting a withdrawal of its approved application.

The Board notes that there is no record of Essential filing any other tariffs with the Board, nor is there record of the Board issuing a certificate to Essential following the June 27, 2000, order.

The Board has considered Essential's request to withdraw its application and finds that it is reasonable. Essential has not established local service in Iowa nor does it have any Iowa customers who would be affected by its withdrawal.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request of Essential.com, Inc., to withdraw its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service is approved.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002.