

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)
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**ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER**

(Issued March 27, 2002)

On March 4, 2002, Alta Municipal Utilities (Alta) filed a request for universal service eligible carrier status in Iowa. Alta asks that the Utilities Board (Board) designate Alta as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2(4).

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Under the Act (and Federal Communications Commission regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets the following service requirements before it may be designated an eligible carrier as set forth in rule 39.2(4):

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;
- 2) Offer the service using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(c) provides that "own facilities" includes purchased unbundled network elements);
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and

- 4) Offer the services throughout the designated service area.

In its request for designation, Alta states that it satisfies each of the four requirements. Based on that representation, the Board finds that Alta offers the services supported by the federal universal service fund, using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale. The Board finds that Alta advertises and offers the services throughout its designated service area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to Alta Municipal Utilities, as requested on March 4, 2002. The designated service area for Alta shall be Alta's service territory as established in its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

2. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to Alta Municipal Utilities, the Universal Service Administration Company, the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.