

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. TF-02-509 (RPU-00-1)
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**ORDER GRANTING RECONSIDERATION AND
AFFIRMING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued November 6, 2002)

On October 31, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for reconsideration of the Board's "Order Docketing Tariff and Establishing Procedural Schedule," issued October 30, 2002. In the October 30, 2002, order, the Board docketed Qwest's proposed tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-02-509, for investigation pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.3, 476.6(7), and 476.97, and suspended the effective date of the proposed rates pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6.

In its application for reconsideration, Qwest asks the Board to reconsider the suspension of the proposed rates and allow those rates to become effective on November 7, 2002, as originally proposed. Qwest states that a reconsideration of the rate suspension by the Board will not affect the legal or factual issues that are to be addressed during the investigation of Docket No. TF-02-509.

The Board finds Qwest's request to be reasonable. The Board also finds that public health, safety, and welfare will be afforded if the proposed rate becomes

effective on November 7, 2002, as the revised rate represents a decrease from the existing rate and will benefit Iowa ratepayers. The proposed tariff, however, remains docketed for investigation as Docket No. TF-02-509, and the existing procedural schedule established in the Board's October 30, 2002, order remains in effect.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for reconsideration filed by Qwest Corporation on October 31, 2002, is granted as described in this order.
2. The proposed tariff rates for decreases in public access line rates identified in Docket No. TF-02-509, filed on October 3, 2002, will become effective November 7, 2002, as requested.
3. The proposed tariff, identified as Docket No. TF-02-509, remains docketed for investigation and the procedural schedule issued in the Board's October 30, 2002, order remains in effect.

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 6th day of November, 2002.