

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-4
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR STAY

(Issued January 24, 2003)

On December 26, 2002, the Utilities Board (Board) issued its "Final Decision And Order" in this docket. On January 15, 2003, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed an application for rehearing and stay. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.9(3), answers or objections to Iowa Telecom's application must be filed on or before January 29, 2003, and pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.12 (2001), the Board must either grant or refuse the application on or before February 14, 2003.

In Ordering Clauses 2, 3, and 4 of the "Final Decision And Order," the Board directed Iowa Telecom as follows:

2. Within 30 days of the date of this order, Iowa Telecom shall file proposed tariff sheets for a revenue-neutral rate consolidation of all rates that currently differ among the rate zones (other than Extended Area Service rates or similar exchange-based rates), with all supporting workpapers. The tariffs should reflect a 3 percent revenue increase for consolidated rates and a 1.06 percent price adjustment for all BCS prices. The calculations should first be performed without the 3 percent revenue increase for the consolidated rates or the 1.06 percent increase for BCS prices, which should then be added as successive calculations.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this order, Iowa Telecom shall file proposed tariff sheets adding its proposed competitive-response pricing flexibility language to its price regulation requirements.

4. Within 45 days of the date of this order, Iowa Telecom shall file a proposed refund plan complying with the requirements of Iowa Code § 476.97(11)"h" and the Board's decision herein.

As a part of its application for rehearing, Iowa Telecom seeks a stay of these requirements, until further order of the Board.

The Board will grant the requested stay. If the requirements are not stayed, Iowa Telecom will have to file proposed tariff sheets on January 25, 2003, and the refund plan would be due on February 10, 2003. No purpose would be served by requiring that Iowa Telecom file proposed tariff sheets or a proposed refund plan while the application for rehearing is pending.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for a stay filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, on January 15, 2003, is granted. Ordering Clauses 2, 3, and 4 from the Board's "Final Decision And Order" issued in this docket on December 26, 2002, are stayed until otherwise ordered by the Board.

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 24th day of January, 2003.