

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 APPROVING NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

(Issued May 11, 2004)

On April 2, 2004, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), entered into a settlement agreement with the Utilities Board (Board) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) in Polk County District Court No. CV-4806, a proceeding for judicial review of the Board's "Final Decision and Order," in Docket No. RPU-02-4. Item No. 9 of the settlement agreement provided that Iowa Telecom would develop an updated Network Improvement Plan (NIP) for 2004 and submit it to the Board and Consumer Advocate for review.

On April 16, 2004, Iowa Telecom filed its NIP with the Board. No objections or proposed modifications have been filed in response to Iowa Telecom's filing.

The Board has reviewed the NIP for 2004 and finds that it follows the guidelines of the settlement agreement and that its deployment should provide significant benefits to the public. The Board will approve the filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The 2004 Network Improvement Plan filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, on April 16, 2004, is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of May, 2004.