

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: RURAL IOWA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION; ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS, L.C., ET AL.; AND COON VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.	DOCKET NOS. SPU-04-3 SPU-04-5 SPU-04-6
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**ORDER ACCEPTING STIPULATIONS AND
AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued August 4, 2004)

On August 3, 2004, a pre-hearing conference was held at the offices of the Utilities Board (Board) for the purpose of discussing procedural issues, hearing procedures, possible stipulations, and other relevant matters prior to the hearing in this docket scheduled for August 10, 2004. The pre-hearing conference was initiated pursuant to a Board order issued in this docket on July 23, 2004, and was chaired by Board staff; Board members were not in attendance. All participating parties to this docket attended the pre-hearing conference and agreed to the following stipulations, which are subject to change if necessary.

First, the parties agreed to the following tentative order of witnesses (subject to change, if necessary):

1. Steven D. Metts (on behalf of Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) and Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA)).
2. Burnie E. Snoddy (on behalf of RIITA and ITA).
3. Steven E. Watkins (on behalf of Alpine Communications, L.C., et al., (Alpine Companies) and Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association, Inc., et al. (Coon Valley Companies)).
4. Tom Bullock (on behalf of Alpine Companies and Coon Valley Companies).
5. Donald D. Miller (on behalf of Alpine Companies and Coon Valley Companies).
6. Hoke R. Knox (on behalf of Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint)).
7. Bradley A. Stein (on behalf of the Wireless Coalition for Intermodal Portability (Wireless Coalition)).

Second, the parties stipulated to the admission of all pre-filed testimony and exhibits. According to that stipulation, the testimony filed in this proceeding will be spread upon the record without further motion or other action. Any corrections to the pre-filed testimony shall be made in writing in advance of the hearing.

Third, the parties stipulated to a master list of exhibits. A complete exhibit list is attached to this order. For purposes of this proceeding, additional exhibit numbers are assigned as follows:

1. RIITA and ITA – 001 to 100.

2. Alpine Companies and Coon Valley Companies – 101 to 200.
3. Sprint – 201 to 300.
4. Wireless Coalition – 301 to 400.
5. NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners (Nextel) – 401 to 500.
6. Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice
(Consumer Advocate) – 501 to 600.

Fourth, the parties requested that the hearing commence at 8:30 a.m. on August 10, 2004, in the Board's hearing room. The Board will accommodate the parties' request and the hearing in this proceeding shall begin at 8:30 a.m.

Finally, the parties agreed to submit electronic copies of the cost information requested in the Board's July 23, 2004, order and filed on July 30, 2004, to Board staff prior to the scheduled hearing. In addition, with respect to the cost information that continues to be filed in this proceeding, Board staff discussed with the parties the possibility of establishing post-hearing procedures to allow for discovery and, if necessary, cross-examination regarding estimated cost data that is to be filed on August 6, 2004. However, no decision has been made regarding any post-hearing proceedings at this time; the Board will consider any such proposals after the information has been filed and reviewed by the parties.

The Board notes that post-hearing briefs are currently due on or before September 3, 2004, pursuant to the Board's initial procedural schedule issued in this docket on April 23, 2004. On its own motion, the Board will amend the procedural schedule to provide that post-hearing briefs shall be filed on or before September 7, 2004, and reply briefs shall be due on or before September 15, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The stipulated tentative order of witnesses established in this docket and identified in this order is accepted. Pre-filed exhibits shall be identified as shown in the attached list.

2. The filed testimony submitted by the parties in this proceeding is admitted and will be spread upon the record of this proceeding as discussed in this order.

3. The hearing in this docket will commence on August 10, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

4. Any party desiring to file a post-hearing brief may do so on or before September 7, 2004. Reply briefs may be filed on or before September 15, 2004.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of August, 2004.

EXHIBIT LIST

DOCKET NOS. SPU-04-3, SPU-04-5, SPU-04-6

Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association and Iowa Telecommunications Association

Exhibit 001: Letter from FCC Chair Michael K. Powell dated June 18, 2004
(Attached to Watts rebuttal testimony)

Exhibit 002: Company response filing to Board's July 23, 2004, order

Alpine Communications, L.C., et al., and Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association

Exhibit 101: Summary of Work Experience and Education for Steven A. Watkins
(Attached to Watkins Direct testimony as Attachment A)

Exhibit 102: Letter from FCC Chair Michael K. Powell dated June 18, 2004
(Attached to Watkins Rebuttal testimony as Attachment A)

Exhibit 103: List of LNP waiver petitions and decisions by state (Attached to Watkins Rebuttal testimony as Attachment B)

Exhibit 104: Cost information for Alpine Communications (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 105: Cost information for Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 106: Cost information for Cooperative Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 107: Cost information for Clear Lake Independent Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 108: Cost information for Ventura Telephone Co., Inc. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 109: Cost information for Dumont Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 110: Cost information for Universal Communications of Allison (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 111: Cost information for Hills Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 112: Cost information for Independent Networks, Inc. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 113: Cost information for West Liberty Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 114: Cost information for Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Co (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 115: Cost information for Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 116: Cost information for Ringsted Telephone Co. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 117: Cost information for Royal Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 118: Cost information for Schaller Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 119: Cost information for Western Iowa Telephone Ass'n (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 120: Cost information for Coon Valley Co-op Telephone Ass'n (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 121: Cost information for The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton, Iowa (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 122: Cost information for Fenton Co-op Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 123: Cost information for Modern Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 124: Cost information for Northwest Telephone Cooperative (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 125: Cost information for Palmer Mutual Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 126: Cost information for Terril Telephone Cooperative (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 127: Cost information for Titonka Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 128: Cost information for Van Horne Coop. Telephone Company (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 129: River Valley Telecommunications Coop. (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 130: List of rural exchange carriers included in testimony of Tom Bullock (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit A)

Exhibit 131: Overview of LNP Network Architecture and Processes (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit B)

Exhibit 132: Form of LNP cost data request (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit C-1)

Exhibit 133: Instructions for LNP cost data request (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit C-2)

Exhibit 134: Company size coefficients and estimated minimum hours spent on LNP procedure activities (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit D)

Exhibit 135: Estimated hours spent on other internal LNP activities (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit E)

Exhibit 136: LNP SOA costs (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit F)

Exhibit 137: Local service request forms for LNP (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit L)

Exhibit 138: Firm order confirmation form for LNP (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit M)

Exhibit 139: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-1)

Exhibit 140: Detailed LNP order flow (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-2)

Exhibit 141: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-3)

Exhibit 142: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-4)

Exhibit 143: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-5)

Exhibit 144: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-6)

Exhibit 145: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-7)

Exhibit 146: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-8)

Exhibit 147: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-9)

Exhibit 148: Inter-service provider LNP operations flows – Narratives (Attached to Bullock Direct testimony as Exhibit N-10)

Exhibit 149: Confidential Exhibit (Attached to Bullock Rebuttal testimony)

Sprint Spectrum, L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint)

Exhibit 201: Listing of the companies to which Sprint sent BFRs (Attached to Knox Direct testimony as HRK-1)

Exhibit 202: Cover sheet of BFR to Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Co. (Attached to Knox Direct testimony as HRK-2)

Exhibit 203: Sprint PCS Coverage/Service Areas in the independent LEC areas of Iowa (Attached as Exhibit A to Sprint's Supplemental Information filing dated July 30, 2004)

Wireless Coalition for Intermodal Portability

Exhibit 301: Listing of the companies with addresses in Iowa to which U.S. Cellular (member of Wireless Coalition) sent BFRs (Attached to Stein Direct testimony as BAS-1)

Exhibit 302: Cover letter and form of BFR that was sent to the listed companies (Attached to Stein Direct testimony as BAS-2)

Exhibit 303: Letter from K. Dane Snowden, Chief of Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC (Attached to Stein Direct testimony as BAS-3)

Exhibit 304: Printout of electronic publication "Washington Watch" dated March 18, 2004 (Attached to Stein Direct testimony as BAS-4)

Exhibit 305: List of exchanges covered by Verizon Wireless, Western Wireless, and U.S. Cellular (Attached to supplemental information filed July 30, 2004)

NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners

Exhibit 401: List of exchanges where Nextel Partners provides service (Attached to supplemental information filed July 30, 2004)

Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice

Exhibit 501: N/A