

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE, Complainant,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>HORIZON TELECOM, INC., Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-04-44</p>
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued November 2, 2004)

On October 28, 2004, Horizon Telecom, Inc. (Horizon), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion for extension of time by which to file a response to the petition for proceeding to consider civil penalty filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) on August 24, 2004. In its September 28, 2004, order docketing Consumer Advocate's petition for formal proceeding, the Board set a deadline of October 27, 2004, for Horizon's response. Horizon now asks to extend the deadline to November 24, 2004.

Horizon cites ongoing settlement discussions between the parties as a reason for requesting the extension. Horizon also states that counsel for Consumer Advocate agrees to an extension. The Board finds this request reasonable and will

grant the motion. However, the parties are advised that further extensions will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion for extension of time filed by Horizon Telecom, Inc., on October 28, 2004, is granted. Horizon must file a response to the Consumer Advocate's petition for proceeding to consider civil penalty on or before November 24, 2004.

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 2nd day of November, 2004.