

Horizon cites the recent health problems of its attorney's infant son as good cause for a brief extension of time and states that counsel for Consumer Advocate does not object to the brief extension.

The Board finds this request reasonable and will grant the motion. However, the parties are reminded that further extensions will be granted only upon a showing of good cause. The Board urges the parties to continue and promptly conclude the settlement discussions between the parties that were cited as the reason for requesting the first extension of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion for extension of time filed by Horizon Telecom, Inc., on November 24, 2004, is granted. Horizon must file a response to the Consumer Advocate's petition for proceeding to consider civil penalty on or before December 3, 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 30th day of November, 2004.