



On December 1, 2004, the parties to these dockets, Consumer Advocate and Horizon, submitted a joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement contained in the motion. The settlement agreement addresses all of the issues in each of the dockets and includes a monetary penalty against Horizon in the total amount of \$1,000, which is to be paid within 30 days of this order.

The Board has reviewed the settlement agreement and will approve it. The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of the record, conforms with all applicable statutes and rules, and is in the public interest. 199 IAC 7.2(11).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The "Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement" filed in these dockets on December 1, 2004, is granted and the "Settlement Agreement" is approved.
2. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.103 and the "Settlement Agreement" filed December 1, 2004, Horizon Telecom, Inc., is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Payment, in the form of a check made payable to the Iowa Utilities Board, should be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Utilities Board at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Payment is due within 30 days of the

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date of this order. The docket number listed on this order shall be listed on the check or in the accompanying correspondence.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2004.