

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MARNE AND ELK HORN TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TCU-05-2
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS

(Issued March 17, 2005)

On February 21, 2005, Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Co. (Marne) filed an application with the Utilities Board (Board) for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (2005), stating its intention to provide local exchange service in the Exira, Iowa, exchange. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-05-2. Marne has provided financial statements and the qualifications of company officers and has stated it will support a 2-PIC dialing methodology for dialing parity. No objections to the application were received.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the Board finds the service is consistent with the public interest."

The Board has reviewed Marne's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has

been demonstrated. Marne has also filed a statement indicating that it commits to utilizing thousand-block number pooling (TBNP) in the Exira exchange to the extent it is technically feasible to do so.

Marne also states that its service area will mirror the exchange and service area maps of the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) in the Exira, Iowa, exchange as they are currently filed and may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which landline local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Marne has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the ILEC's exchange maps.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Company on February 21, 2005, is granted.
2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the Exira, Iowa, exchange is approved.

3. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Marne and Elk Horn Telephone Company to provide local exchange service in the Exira, Iowa, exchange upon approval of a tariff reflecting the prices, terms, and conditions of its local exchange service in Iowa.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of March, 2005.