

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">V.</p> <p>QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-05-49</p>
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ORDER SHORTENING RESPONSE TIME

(Issued July 15, 2005)

On July 14, 2005, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), filed a complaint against Qwest Communications, Inc. (Qwest), alleging that Qwest is providing inadequate signal strength to the McLeodUSA collocation space in Des Moines. McLeodUSA alleges this is a violation of various provisions of Iowa Code §§ 476.100 and 476.101 (2005) because it results in a degradation of the quality of service provided to McLeodUSA, it is an inferior interconnection, it is discrimination in favor of Qwest and against McLeodUSA, it disadvantages McLeodUSA's customers, and is a violation of certain requirements of the interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA and Qwest. The complaint was filed pursuant to the expedited complaint procedures of § 476.101(8).

Section 476.101(8) provides that when the Board receives a written complaint requesting a determination of whether a local exchange carrier is complying with the requirements of §§ 476.95 through 476.102, or any Board rules implementing those sections, the Board shall render a decision in the proceeding within 90 days after the complaint was filed. That means a decision in this docket must be issued by October 12, 2005. Under these circumstances, the Board must shorten the time period for Qwest to file its response to the complaint. Accordingly, the Board will order that Qwest's response to the complaint is due no later than Wednesday, July 20, 2005.

If this proceeding moves forward, it will do so on an extremely expedited basis. Under these conditions, the parties will be required to serve all filings upon each other electronically or by facsimile transfer on the same day that the filing is made with the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Qwest Communications, Inc., shall file its response to the complaint filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., on July 14, 2005, no later than July 20, 2005.

2. All filings in this docket shall be served on all other parties to this docket by electronic mail or by facsimile transfer on the same day the filing is made with the Board.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of July, 2005.