

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: DEREGULATION OF SINGLE LINE FLAT-RATE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN COMPETITIVE MARKETS	DOCKET NO. INU-05-2
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
ACCEPTING TESTIMONY**

(Issued July 19, 2005)

On June 13, 2005, the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion for extension of time to file testimony in this matter. In support of its request, RIITA states that it was unable to secure expert witness testimony regarding the technical aspects of Voice-over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and its similarities and differences to other types of communication services as part of its initial statement of position. RIITA requests an extension until June 20, 2005, to secure expert testimony.

On June 23, 2005, RIITA filed an amended motion for extension of time to file testimony. Also on June 23, RIITA submitted expert testimony relating to how VoIP services should be considered when determining the presence of effective competition. RIITA requests that the Board accept this testimony. No objections to the motion were filed.

The Board has reviewed RIITA's request and will grant its motion for an extension of time. The testimony filed by RIITA on June 23, 2005, is accepted for filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion for extension of time filed by the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association on June 13, 2005, and amended on June 23, 2005, is granted.
2. The testimony filed by the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association on June 23, 2005, is accepted for filing.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19th day of July, 2005.