

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.; NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; ALTICOMM, INC.; AND ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. A-04-3495 (Cert. No. 0249), A-04-3637 (Cert. No. 0250), A-04-3670 (Cert. No. 0261), and A-04-3782 (TCU-04-16)
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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES  
AND REJECTION OF TARIFFS**

(Issued July 20, 2005)

Pursuant to 199 IAC 23.1(2), each public utility subject to Iowa Code chapter 476 is required to file with the Utilities Board (Board), on or before April 1 of each calendar year, an annual report in the form specified in the Board's rules. This includes local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Board pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29. (A utility must have a certificate issued by the Board before furnishing local telephone service in Iowa.)

As of April 1, 2005, several public utilities had not filed annual reports for calendar year 2004. Each of those utilities, including the four local exchange carriers identified in the caption of this order, was sent a letter on May 10, 2005, stating that the utility's annual report was past due and giving them 30 days to meet the requirements of 199 IAC 23.1(2). Some of the public utilities that received the letter filed annual reports within the allowed time, but the four local exchange carriers identified in the caption of this order did not. In fact, the Board has received no

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communication from any of these companies with respect to their annual reports for calendar year 2004.

Based on this information, it appears these carriers are not providing landline local telephone service in Iowa and should not be permitted to continue to hold certificates for that purpose: Premiere Network Services, Inc.; NOW Communications, Inc.; Alticomm, Inc.; and Ernest Communications, Inc. Therefore, the Board will cancel the certificates issued to each of these carriers and reject their tariffs as of 30 days from the date of this order unless a carrier files, within that time frame, an annual report showing that the carrier had revenues from certificated services in 2004 or a statement that it did not have such revenues in 2004 but it has reasonable plans to offer in the near future services that are likely to produce such revenues. If a carrier makes a timely filing as described above, its certificate will not be canceled and its tariff will continue to be in effect until further order of the Board.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The following carriers are directed to contact the Board with annual reports for calendar year 2004 within 30 days of the date of this order.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Annual Report No.</u>	<u>Cert. No.</u>
Premiere Network Services	A-04-3495	0249
NOW Communications, Inc.	A-04-3637	0250
Alticomm, Inc.	A-04-3670	0261
Ernest Communications, Inc.	A-04-3782	(TCU-04-16)

If the Board does not receive a response from a particular carrier within 30 days of the date of this order, the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to

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that carrier by the Board will be deemed canceled without any further action by the Board.

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/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.