

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE ARBITRATION OF:

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.,

Petitioning Party,

vs.

ACE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, CLEAR LAKE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY, FARMERS MUTUAL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO. OF SHELBY, FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY, FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, GRAND RIVER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CORPORATION, HEART OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA d/b/a HICKORYTECH, HUXLEY COMMUNICATIONS, IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM f/k/a GTE MIDWEST, KALONA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE, LA PORTE CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LEHIGH VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, LOST NATION-ELWOOD TELEPHONE COMPANY, MINBURN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., ROCKWELL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, SHARON TELEPHONE, SHELL ROCK TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a BEVCOMM c/o BLUE EARTH VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, SWISHER TELEPHONE COMPANY, VAN BUREN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., VENTURA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., VILLISCA FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY, WEBSTER CALHOUN COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, WELLMAN COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, and WEST LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS,

Responding Parties.

DOCKET NO. ARB-05-2

ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING

(Issued September 29, 2005)

On September 28, 2005, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order granting a motion to compel discovery responses that was filed by the Respondent rural incumbent local exchange carriers.¹ On September 29, 2005, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a motion for reconsideration of the Board's order.

Hearing in this matter is scheduled to commence on September 30, 2005. It is clear that discovery in this matter will not be complete at that time. That being the case, it will almost certainly be necessary to schedule an additional hearing date in this matter. Rather than conduct a partial hearing on September 30, 2005, to be completed at a later date, the Board finds that it will be more efficient to reschedule the entire hearing to October 18, 2005.

¹ Ace Communications Group, Clear Lake Independent Telephone Company, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co. of Shelby, Farmers Telephone Company, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a HickoryTech, Huxley Communications, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom f/k/a GTE Midwest, Kalona Cooperative Telephone, La Porte City Telephone Company, Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association, Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company, Minburn Telecommunications, Inc., Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association, Sharon Telephone, Shell Rock Telephone Company d/b/a BEVCOMM c/o Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company, South Central Communications, Inc., South Slope Cooperative Communications Company, Swisher Telephone Company, Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc., Ventura Telephone Company, Inc., Villisca Farmers Telephone Company, Webster Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association, Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association, and West Liberty Telephone Company d/b/a Liberty Communications.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The hearing in this docket scheduled for September 30, 2005, is rescheduled to commence at 9 a.m. on October 18, 2005.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of September, 2005.