

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MCC TELEPHONY OF IOWA, INC., AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioners,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-05-69</p>
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ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR ANSWER

(Issued November 22, 2005)

On November 17, 2005, MCC Telephony of Iowa, Inc. (MCC), and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Complaint and Request for Injunctive Relief and Expedited Schedule" (the Complaint). MCC and Sprint allege that Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), is engaging in prohibited and anticompetitive acts.

Specifically, MCC and Sprint allege that MCC is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) providing service in the Des Moines exchange, among others, relying in part on wholesale services from Sprint to provide MCC's retail service. Iowa

Telecom is an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) in the De Soto exchange. Iowa Telecom's Web site (and, presumably, its tariff on file with the Board) indicates that Iowa Telecom's customers in De Soto enjoy Extended Area Service (EAS) to the Des Moines exchange. Traditionally, this means Iowa Telecom's customers in De Soto are able to call telephone customers in Des Moines without incurring toll charges for the interexchange call.

However, MCC and Sprint allege that Iowa Telecom is refusing to route traffic from its customers in De Soto to MCC's customers in Des Moines on a locally-dialed, locally-rated basis. MCC and Sprint allege this is a violation of Iowa Code §§ 476.100 and 476.101 and 47 U.S.C. §§ 202, 251(a)(1) and 251(b)(3).

MCC and Sprint filed the Complaint pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.101(8), which requires that if the Board grants formal complaint proceedings, it must render a decision in the proceeding within 90 days after the complaint was filed. Thus, if the Board grants formal complaint proceedings, it must issue its decision in this docket by February 15, 2006. In order to preserve the opportunity to meet this deadline, the Board will shorten Iowa Telecom's time to file its answer to the complaint; the answer will now be due on or before November 28, 2005.

In addition to responding to the allegations of the Complaint, Iowa Telecom's answer should also address the question of whether Iowa Telecom is complying with the Board's rules and Iowa Telecom's tariff provisions regarding EAS service from the De Soto exchange to the Des Moines exchange.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

On or before November 28, 2005, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, shall file its answer to the "Complaint and Request for Injunctive Relief and Expedited Scheduling" filed on November 17, 2005, by MCC Telephony of Iowa, Inc., and Sprint Communications Company L.P.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of November, 2005.