

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>PRAIRIEWAVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-05-71</p>
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued December 6, 2005)

On November 29, 2005, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion for extension of time to file an answer and counterclaims responding to the complaint filed in this docket by PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. (PrairieWave), on November 21, 2005. In the complaint, PrairieWave alleges that AT&T used, but failed to fully pay for, intrastate equal access services provided by PrairieWave. In an order issued on November 23, 2005, the Board directed AT&T to respond to the complaint on or before November 30, 2005. AT&T now asks that it be granted an extension of time to December 16, 2005, in which to respond.

AT&T explains it was not properly served with notice of the complaint and did not receive notice of PrairieWave's request for expedited proceeding until after the

Board entered the order shortening time for AT&T's response. AT&T states that PrairieWave's certificate of service shows it used an incorrect address for AT&T. AT&T asserts it will be substantially harmed if it is required to file an answer without having adequate time to investigate the complaint and make an appropriate response.

The Board finds AT&T's request reasonable and will grant the motion for extension of time to December 16, 2005. However, because AT&T's motion does not indicate whether AT&T contacted PrairieWave to ask whether PrairieWave objected to the extension of time, the Board will consider any objection PrairieWave might file prior to December 7, 2005.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion for extension of time filed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., on November 29, 2005, is granted. AT&T's response to the complaint filed by PrairieWaveTelecommunications, Inc., must be filed on or before December 16, 2005.

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 6th day of December, 2005.