

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, 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, 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; AND NORTH ENGLISH COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND WINNEBAGO COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION; AND CITIZENS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, MABEL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, TITONKA TELEPHONE COMPANY, LYNNVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND SULLY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION,

Responding Parties.

DOCKET NOS. ARB-05-2
ARB-05-5
ARB-05-6

ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING DATE

(Issued December 30, 2005)

On March 31, 2005, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) requesting the Board arbitrate certain terms and conditions of a proposed Interconnection Agreement between Sprint and 27 rural incumbent local exchange carriers¹ (hereinafter, RLECs). The petition was filed pursuant to 199 IAC 38.4(3) and 38.7(3) and 47 U.S.C. § 252(b). The petition was identified as Docket No. ARB-05-2.

On August 29, 2005, Sprint filed a petition with the Board requesting arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed Interconnection Agreement between Sprint and North English Cooperative Telephone Company (North English) and Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (Winnebago). The petition was filed pursuant to the same provisions of law and has been identified as Docket No. ARB-05-5.

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 Telephone Company, Swisher Telephone Company, Van Buren Telephone Company, 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.

On December 5, 2005, Sprint filed a petition with the Board requesting the arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed Interconnection Agreement between Sprint and Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative, Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company, Titonka Telephone Company, Lynnville Telephone Company, and Sully Telephone Association. The petition was filed pursuant to the same provisions of law and has been identified as Docket No. ARB-05-6.

On December 21, 2005, the Board issued an order consolidating the arbitrations and setting a procedural schedule. In that order, the Board set the hearing date as February 7, 2006. Due to a scheduling conflict that has arisen, the date for the hearing on unresolved issues will be rescheduled to Wednesday, February 8, 2006, beginning at 9 a.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The hearing in this matter has been rescheduled to 9 a.m. on February 8, 2006.

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 30th day of December, 2005.