

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.	DOCKET NO. TF-05-286 (ARB-05-2)
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**ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED TARIFF
AND CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued December 30, 2005)

On October 17, 2005, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed revised tariff sheets to its retail tariff on file with the Utilities Board (Board) containing a proposal to introduce a wholesale service identified as "Local Interconnection for Customers" in Rate Zone 2.

The tariff filing applied to local interconnection customers. The new service offering would not provide retail local exchange service directly to end-use customers, but proposed to provide an interconnection service to a customer class defined in the tariff proposal as including "a competitive service provider that provides voice service to its subscribers."

On November 8, 2005, Iowa Telecommunications Service, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed an objection to the proposed tariff, alleging that the Local Interconnection Service is not a retail local exchange service subject to the Board's jurisdiction for the purposes of a local exchange tariff filing.

According to Sprint, this filing was made in an attempt to show that Sprint “will offer services at issue in Docket No. ARB-05-2 to all within the class of entities who desire the services and who have comparable last mile facilities to the cable companies.”¹ Therefore, the Board issued an order on November 23, 2005, to suspend the tariff until the issues then pending in the arbitration were determined.

On December 21, 2005, Sprint filed a motion to withdraw the tariff filing. In its motion, Sprint noted that the Board, in its November 28, 2005, order in Docket No. ARB-05-2, “did not require Sprint to file a tariff in order to provide the local interconnection services, nor did the Board indicate that Sprint would be required, in the future, to file a tariff in order to provide similar service to other cable companies or other entities in Iowa with similar last mile facilities to the cable companies.” (Sprint Motion to Withdraw, p. 2) Sprint concluded that its proposed tariff revisions were not necessary and requested that the revisions to its Iowa Local Exchange Tariff No. 1 be withdrawn. The Board will grant the request.

¹ Docket No. ARB-05-2, Transcript of hearing of October 18, 2005, at p. 40.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for withdrawal of the proposed "Local Interconnection for Customers in Rate Zone 2 Tariff" filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. on October 17, 2005, and identified as TF-05-286, is granted.

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.