

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Petitioner,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">vs.</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-05-4</p>
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ORDER GRANTING STAY

(Issued January 13, 2006)

On January 5, 2006, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for reconsideration of the Board's "Arbitration Order" issued in this docket on December 16, 2005. As part of its application for reconsideration, Level 3 also seeks a stay from the Board regarding the Board's requirement that a conformed agreement be filed on or before January 17, 2006.

In its December 16 order, the Board directed Level 3 and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) to submit an interconnection agreement consistent with the terms of the arbitration order within 30 days of the date of the issued order. Level 3 timely filed its request for reconsideration and, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.27(3), Qwest may file a response to Level 3's request on or before January 19, 2006.

Because Level 3 seeks reconsideration of the Board's ruling regarding some of the terms and conditions of the interconnection agreement between Level 3 and Qwest, and because Qwest's opportunity to respond to Level 3's request exceeds the date originally established by the Board for the filing of a conformed agreement, the Board will grant Level 3's request to stay the filing of a conformed agreement until the issues raised by Level 3's application for rehearing are resolved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for stay of the Board's requirement that a conformed interconnection agreement be filed by Level 3 Communications, LLC, and Qwest Corporation on or before January 17, 2006, is granted. The requirement is stayed pending a Board decision on Level 3's application for rehearing.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of January, 2006.