

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  EAST BUCHANAN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. TF-05-345 (TCU-98-12)
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE  
IN MAPS, AND ISSUING AMENDED CERTIFICATE**

(Issued January 25, 2006)

On May 12, 1998, East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative (East Buchanan) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for modification of its certificate of public convenience and necessity to reflect the addition of the exchanges adjacent to its service area in Iowa that are being served by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S West Communications, Inc. (Qwest). The request was identified as Docket No. TCU-98-12.

On June 25, 1998, the Board issued an order approving the application for amended certificate. As part of that order, the Board stated that upon approval of tariffs reflecting the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in the added exchanges and maps defining the service territory, the Board would issue an amended certificate to East Buchanan.

On December 23, 2005, East Buchanan filed a proposed tariff reflecting the addition of the adjacent Independence and Oelwein, Iowa, exchanges. The proposed tariff is identified as TF-05-345. East Buchanan filed additional information

on January 13, 2006, stating that East Buchanan has provided notice to all affected carriers and that it will participate in 1,000 block number pooling and 2-PIC dialing parity. East Buchanan also states that there has not been any material changes in its technical, financial, and managerial abilities since 1998.

East Buchanan also states that its service area will mirror Qwest's service area maps as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that East Buchanan has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in Qwest's maps.

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. The tariff contains rates for both business and residential customers. Notice was provided to all affected carriers. The Board will approve the amended tariff effective the date of this order.

The Board has also reviewed the additional information filed by East Buchanan and finds that East Buchanan has submitted the same information and documentation that has been required of other local exchange service providers. The Board finds that East Buchanan has met the conditions of the Board's June 25, 1998, order in Docket No. TCU-98-12 and that East Buchanan's certificate of public

convenience and necessity, Certificate No. 0044, should be amended to reflect the addition of the Independence and Oelwein exchanges.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proposed tariff amendment filed by East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative on December 23, 2005, is approved effective the date of this order.
2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of Qwest Corporation is approved.
3. Amended Certificate No. 0044 is being issued to East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative concurrently with this order.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.