

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,  Petitioner,  vs.  QWEST CORPORATION,  Respondent.	DOCKET NO. ARB-05-4
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**ORDER GRANTING RECONSIDERATION**

(Issued January 30, 2006)

On December 16, 2005, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Arbitration Order" in Docket No. ARB-05-4. The order arbitrated certain terms and conditions of a proposed interconnection agreement between Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Specifically, the order arbitrated three primary issues identified as "Tier One" issues: (1) interconnection architecture and cost responsibility related thereto; (2) Virtual NXX (VNXX) arrangements; and (3) intercarrier compensation for Internet service provider (ISP) – bound and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) traffic. The order noted that while Level 3 presented 17 "Tier Two" issues, these issues were described by the parties as being derivative of the Tier One issues and, as such, the Board did not discuss them individually.

Level 3 filed an application for reconsideration of the arbitration order on January 5, 2006. Qwest filed a response on January 19, 2006. The Board will grant Level 3's request for reconsideration for the purpose of allowing the Board adequate time to consider the issues raised by Level 3's application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The application for reconsideration filed by Level 3 Communications, LLC, on January 5, 2006, is granted for the purpose of allowing adequate time for consideration of the issues raised by Level 3's application.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.