

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC, d/b/a I WIRELESS	DOCKET NO. FCU-06-6 (Iowa Code § 477C.7)
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ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Issued April 18, 2006)

On April 6, 2005, Governor Vilsack signed into law an act, identified as Senate File 264 (SF 264), which amended Iowa Code § 477C.7. SF 264 became effective on July 1, 2005. The amendment related to the funding of the dual party relay service (DPRS) and the method of assessment on telecommunications carriers providing telephone service in the state of Iowa. Among other things, the amendment requires that wireless communications service providers pay part of the cost of the DPRS.

On June 17, 2005, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Order Requiring Reporting and Assessment and Granting Confidentiality" in Docket No. Iowa Code § 477C.7. In that order, the Board directed wireless communications providers to make certain filings. Iowa Wireless Services, LLC, d/b/a i wireless (IWS), filed a report for the quarter ending September 30, 2005, as required by the Board's June 17, 2005, order. However, the Board's staff noted a discrepancy in the number of lines reported when compared to the numbers obtained directly from Neustar, Inc. (Neustar), the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, regarding the assigned number resources of wireless carriers in Iowa.

On January 18, 2006, the Board issued an "Order Opening Docket and Giving Notice Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.51" to review compliance by IWS with the June 17, 2005, order. In the January 18, 2006, order, the Board directed IWS to submit a written explanation detailing the difference between the assigned number resources on file with Neustar and the line counts submitted to the Board in the October 31, 2005, report.

On January 30, 2006, IWS filed its response to the Board's January 18, 2006, order. In response to the Board's concern with the discrepancy in the number of lines reported, IWS stated that not all of the number resources obtained from Neustar as assigned to IWS meet the Board's definition of a wireless communications service number, that is, a revenue-producing telephone number used by a wireless communications service provider in the provision of retail wires service in Iowa. IWS indicates that although the Neustar numbers accurately define the Iowa numbers in use or in reserve that are assigned to IWS, not all number resources assigned to it are in use by IWS revenue-generating customers. IWS, through contractual arrangements, provides billing and switching for numerous wireless carriers in Iowa. According to its filing, IWS provides these carriers numbers, assigned to IWS by Neustar, for use in the provision of wireless service for their customers. The customers of those carriers are not retail customers of IWS and therefore do not meet the definition of "revenue generating" for IWS. IWS argues that the carriers whose customers are using IWS assigned numbers are responsible for filing their own reports.

The Board finds that the response provided by IWS is not specific enough for it to determine whether IWS has complied with the June 17, 2005, order and directs IWS to provide by May 1, 2006, a list of all carriers with which IWS has contractual arrangements to provide Iowa numbers that are assigned to IWS by Neustar. For each carrier IWS is also directed to provide contact information including a specific contact name, phone number, address, e-mail address, and fax number.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Iowa Wireless Services, LLC, d/b/a i wireless shall file with the Board by May 1, 2006, a list of all carriers with which IWS has contractual arrangements to provide Iowa numbers that are assigned to IWS by Neustar. For each carrier, IWS is also directed to provide contact information including a specific contact name, phone number, address, e-mail address, and fax number.

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 18th day of April, 2006.