

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  ASSESSING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN IOWA	DOCKET NO. NOI-06-2
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**ORDER CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued May 18, 2006)

In 2000, the Iowa General Assembly passed legislation, identified as Senate File 2433, requiring the Utilities Board (Board) and the Department of Economic Development (DED) to submit a joint report "with recommendations to ensure that high-speed broadband internet access is available to rural areas of the state where such access is not currently available." In compliance with that legislative mandate, the Board and DED submitted a report in October 2000 assessing the statewide availability of high-speed Internet access and offering recommendations to ensure access to high-speed Internet service in rural Iowa. Responding to the recommendations contained in the October 2000 report, the Board conducted subsequent assessments and issued reports in February 2002, May 2003, and December 2004.

On February 3, 2006, the Board initiated this inquiry to again evaluate the level of progress in the deployment of high-speed Internet technologies in Iowa. On May 15, 2006, the Board released its report, entitled "Assessing High-Speed Internet

Technologies in the State of Iowa: Fifth Assessment." A copy of the report is available on the Board's Web site at [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub), or by contacting the Board's Records Center at 515-281-5563.

Because the inquiry is completed and the report has been issued, the Board will close this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The inquiry identified as Docket No. NOI-06-2 is closed, effective the date of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.