

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., D/B/A IOWA TELECOM,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Complainant,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NO. FCU-06-25 (DRU-06-1)</p>
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ORDER REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued May 25, 2006)

On February 1, 2006, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed a complaint including a request for declaratory order against South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope).¹ On February 14, 2006, South Slope submitted a petition for intervention, a motion to dismiss the declaratory proceeding, a motion to sever the various counts of the complaint, and a motion for an expedited ruling regarding South Slope's obligation to file an answer (in addition to the motion to dismiss that was filed pursuant to 199 IAC 7.9(2)"c").

¹ In its "Petition for Intervention, Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Sever and Motion for Expedited Ruling," South Slope notes it is properly named South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company.

On March 3, 2006, the Board issued an order declining to issue a declaratory ruling and opened a complaint proceeding. In that order, the Board directed South Slope to file an answer to the complaint.

On March 10, 2006, South Slope filed its answer to the complaint, generally denying all allegations made by Iowa Telecom. The Board issued an order on May 12, 2006, setting a procedural schedule to allow the Board to resolve the issues presented in the pleadings and any other issues that may arise in the course of the proceeding.

The parties, through informal discussions with the Board's staff, have requested a change in the previous schedule. The Board will approve the schedule agreed to by the parties through those informal discussions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The following procedural schedule established in the Board's order of May 12, 2006, is revised as follows:

- a. Iowa Telecom shall file prepared direct testimony, with the underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before June 9, 2006. If a response to a data request is referenced in Iowa Telecom's prepared testimony, the response shall be filed as an exhibit.
- b. South Slope shall file prepared reply testimony, with the underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before July 7, 2006. If a response

to a data request is referenced in South Slope's prepared testimony, the response shall be filed as an exhibit.

c. Iowa Telecom may file prepared rebuttal testimony, with the underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before July 24, 2006. If a response to a data request is referenced in Iowa Telecom's prepared testimony, the response shall be filed as an exhibit.

d. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on August 10, 2006, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits, discussing order of witnesses and cross-examination, and any other appropriate prehearing matters. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made. The parties are advised that one day has been scheduled for this hearing.

e. Simultaneous initial briefs shall be filed on or before September 1, 2006.

f. Simultaneous reply briefs shall be filed on or before
September 15, 2006.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of May, 2006.