

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a HICKORYTECH	DOCKET NOS. TCU-06-4 TF-06-117 WRU-06-14-3090
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE,
REVISIONS TO TARIFF, AND CONCURRENCE IN MAP,
AND DENYING REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

(Issued July 3, 2006)

On April 20, 2006, Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity. HickoryTech is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) serving the Des Moines and Waukee, Iowa, exchanges pursuant to Certificate No. 0187. HickoryTech seeks to expand its service territory to include the Sioux Center, Iowa, exchange and asks to amend its certificate accordingly. Also on April 20, 2006, HickoryTech filed a revised local exchange tariff incorporating the Sioux Center exchange in its service territory. HickoryTech filed a revision to its application on May 30, 2006, and a revision to its tariff on June 12, 2006. The tariff filing has been identified as TF-06-117. Notice was provided to affected carriers.

HickoryTech states in its application that its technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide service in Iowa remains unchanged. HickoryTech states

it adopts the exchange boundary map of the incumbent carrier in the Sioux Center exchange, Mutual Telephone Company d/b/a Premier Communications (Premier Communications). HickoryTech states it will support number conservation and will use thousand-number blocks of telephone numbers where technically feasible.

The Board has reviewed HickoryTech's filings and will amend HickoryTech's certificate to include the Sioux Center exchange. Concurrent with this order, the Board will issue an amended certificate reflecting the expanded service territory. The Board will approve HickoryTech's proposed tariff revisions and concurrence in the map of Premier Communications.

HickoryTech also asks for a waiver of two Board rules. The waiver request was identified as Docket No. WRU-06-14-3090. HickoryTech asks for a waiver of subrule 22.3(1), which requires local exchange utilities to publish directories, and subrule 22.20(3), which requires the filing of a map of the service territory.

The Board has reviewed HickoryTech's waiver request and finds it need not be granted. On December 26, 1997, the Board granted HickoryTech a waiver of the requirement to publish a directory in Docket No. WRU-97-35-3090. That waiver remains in effect and applies to HickoryTech's service in the Sioux Center exchange as long as HickoryTech continues to arrange for the publication of its customer listings in the appropriate local directory. Because HickoryTech has stated this practice will continue, a new waiver of subrule 22.3(1) is not necessary. Also,

because HickoryTech has adopted the map of the incumbent carrier, a waiver of subrule 22.20(3) requiring the filing of maps is not necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request of Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech, to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity to reflect the addition of the Sioux Center, Iowa, exchange is approved.

2. An amendment to Certificate No. 0187 is being issued concurrently with this order. Under the amended certificate, Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech, will be allowed to provide service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

3. The proposed tariff revision, identified as TF-06-117, filed by Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech, on April 20, 2006, and as revised on June 12, 2006, is approved.

4. The concurrence by Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech, in the exchange boundary map of the incumbent local exchange carrier in the Sioux Center, Iowa, exchange is approved.

5. The request for waiver of Board rules filed in this docket by Crystal Communications, Inc., d/b/a HickoryTech, is denied.

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 3rd day of July, 2006.