

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">vs.</p> <p>ILD Telecommunications, INC.,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NOS. FCU-06-34 FCU-06-39</p>
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**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY**

(Issued July 24, 2006)

On March 31 and April 25, 2006, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Iowa Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) petitions for proceedings to consider civil penalties for alleged cramming violations committed by ILD Telecommunications, Inc. (Company). The Consumer Advocate asserted the Company placed unauthorized charges on consumers' telephone bills in violation of Iowa Code § 476.103. The proceedings were identified as Docket Nos. FCU-06-34 and FCU-06-39 and assigned to the undersigned administrative law judge in orders issued by the Board on July 7 and 17, 2006.

On July 21, 2006, the Consumer Advocate and the Company filed a settlement agreement and joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement with the Board. No one filed an objection to the settlement agreement.

The settlement agreement provides, among other things, that the Company will pay a civil monetary penalty of \$1,000 due 30 days after entry of a Board order approving the agreement.

The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of the whole record, is consistent with applicable law, is in the public interest, and should be approved.
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement is granted and the settlement agreement filed by the parties on July 21, 2006, is approved.

2. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.103 (2005) and the settlement agreement, the Company is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000. Payment in the form of a check made payable to the Iowa Utilities Board shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Utilities Board at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069. Payment is due within 30 days of the date of this order. The docket number listed on this order shall be listed on the check or in the accompanying correspondence.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
Amy L. Christensen
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of July, 2006.