

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>AVENTURE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Complainant,</p> <p style="text-align:center">v.</p> <p>NORTHWEST IOWA TELEPHONE, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-06-43</p>
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**ORDER CANCELING HEARING, SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
AND REQUIRING STATUS REPORTS**

(Issued July 26, 2006)

On May 24, 2006, Aventure Communications Technology, LLC (Aventure), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a complaint against Northwest Iowa Telephone, LLC (NWIT), and a request for termination of NWIT's rural exemption.

On May 31, 2006, the Board issued an order docketing Aventure's complaint for a formal proceeding identified as Docket No. FCU-06-43, establishing an expedited procedural schedule, and opening an inquiry into whether NWIT's rural exemption should be terminated.

A hearing for the purposes of receiving testimony and cross-examination of testimony was scheduled for July 26, 2006. However, counsel for Aventure and NWIT have informed the Board that, as a result of voluntary negotiations between the

parties, the parties agree that holding a hearing is no longer necessary. The parties asked the Board to cancel the hearing and suspend the procedural schedule. In making this request, the parties acknowledge that suspending the procedural schedule will make it impossible for the Board to issue a decision in this matter by August 22, 2006, as required by Iowa Code § 476.101(8), if such a decision is necessary. The parties agree that neither party may challenge any decision of the Board on the grounds that it was not timely pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.101(8). The parties also agree to file a status report detailing the progress of their negotiations within 30 days of the date of this order, if the matter has not been resolved by that date.

The Board will cancel the hearing but will retain jurisdiction over this matter. The Board will also suspend the procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The hearing scheduled in this docket for July 26, 2006, is canceled.
2. The procedural schedule established in this docket in the Board's "Order Declining to Issue Declaratory Order, Docketing Complaint, Establishing Expedited Procedural Schedule, and Opening Inquiry" issued May 31, 2006, is suspended until further action of the Board.

3. Aventure Communications Technology, LLC, and Northwest Iowa Telephone, LLC, shall file status reports detailing the progress of their negotiations no later than 30 days from the date of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of July, 2006.