

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  LONG LINES WIRELESS, LLC	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)
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**ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER**

(Issued August 30, 2006)

On June 29, 2006, Long Lines Wireless, LLC (Long Lines), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for universal service eligible carrier status in Iowa. On July 18, 2006, Long Lines supplemented its application by filing additional information. Long Lines requests that the Board designate it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2(4) in the service area identified in Exhibits A and B attached to this order. Exhibit A lists counties served and Exhibit B lists wire centers served.

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Under the Act (and FCC regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets the following service requirements before it may be designated an eligible carrier as set forth in subrule 39.2(4). The carrier must:

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;

- 2) Offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(c) provides that "own facilities" includes purchased unbundled network elements);
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and
- 4) Offer the services throughout the designated service area.

An ETC must also offer a minimum amount of local exchange service, defined in usage minutes, provided with no additional charge to customers. See FCC 98-272, October 26, 1998. See also 199 IAC 39.2(1)"b." The FCC has not yet quantified a minimum amount of local usage required to be included in a universal service offering, but has initiated a separate rule making proceeding to address this issue. Id. Any minimum local usage requirements established by the FCC as a result of that rule making would apply to all designated ETCs. The Board understands that Long Lines will comply with any and all minimum local usage requirements adopted by the FCC. The Board also understands that until the FCC establishes a minimum requirement, Long Lines will offer at least one universal service offering with unlimited local calling.

In its request for designation, Long Lines states it satisfies each of these named requirements. Based upon these unopposed representations and the company's commitment to follow the minimum local usage requirements when adopted by the FCC, the Board finds that Long Lines offers the services supported by the federal universal service fund, using its own facilities.

Long Lines states it is licensed by the FCC to serve the areas identified in Exhibits A and B and that it intends to provide universal service fund-supported services throughout its licensed service areas. The Board find this assertion by Long Lines satisfies 199 IAC 39.2(5).

Long Lines also states it will provide to the Board, for informational purposes, a description of its universal service offering prior to providing universal fund supported services in Iowa. The Board finds these commitments by Long Lines adequate to assure that public interest concerns will be satisfied.

The Board also notes that pursuant to a federal mandate, Long Lines is required to file a certification regarding its use of universal service funds with the Board. This filing must be made pursuant to 199 IAC 22.2(7).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to Long Lines Wireless, LLC, as requested in its application filed June 29, 2006, subject to the voluntary commitments described in the body of this order.

2. The designated service area for Long Lines Wireless, LLC, shall be the area in Iowa where Long Lines Wireless, LLC, is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide service.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to Long Lines Wireless, LLC, the Universal Service Administration Company,

the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

## Exhibit A

### Counties Served

Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster, and Woodbury counties in Iowa.

Exhibit B

Wire Centers Served

AKRON  
ALBERTCITY  
ALTA  
ALTON  
ALVORD  
ANITA  
ANTHON  
ARCADIA  
ARCHER  
ARMSTRONG  
ARNOLDSPK  
ARTHUR  
ASHTON  
ATLANTIC  
AUBURN  
AUDUBON  
AURELIA  
AVOCA  
AYRSHIRE  
BATTLE CRK  
BAYARD  
BEDFORD  
BELOIT  
BLENCOE  
BOYDEN  
BRADDYVL  
BRONSON  
BRUNSVILLE  
CARROLL  
CHEROKEE  
CLEGHORN  
CLIMBINGHL  
COONRAPIDS  
CORECTINVL  
CURLEW  
CUSHING  
CYLINDER  
DANBURY  
DICKENS  
DOLLIVER  
DOON  
EARLY  
EMMETSBURG  
ESTHERVL

EVERLY  
FONDA  
GALVA  
GEORGE  
GILLETTRV  
GRAETTINGR  
GRANT  
GRANVILLE  
HARTLEY  
HAVELOCK  
HAWARDEN  
HINTON  
HOLSTEIN  
HORNICK  
HOSPERS  
HULL  
IDA GROVE  
INWOOD  
IRETON  
KIRON  
LAKE CITY  
LAKE PARK  
LAKE VIEW  
LANESBORO  
LARCHWOOD  
LARRABEE  
LAURENS  
LAWTON  
LE MARS  
LESTER  
LINN GROVE  
LITTLE ROCK  
LOGAN  
LOHRVILLE  
LTL SIOUX  
LYTTON  
MALLARD  
MANSON  
MAPLETON  
MARATHON  
MARCUS  
MATLOCK  
MAURICE  
MAY CITY  
MELVIN  
MERIDEN  
MERRILL  
MIDLAND  
MILFORD  
MOVILLE

NEMAHA  
ODEBOLT  
ORANGECITY  
OTO  
PALMER  
PAULLINA  
PETERSON  
PIERSON  
PISGAH  
PLOVER  
POCAHONTAS  
POMEROY  
PRIMGHAR  
QUIMBY  
REMBRANDT  
REMSER  
RINGSTED  
ROCKRAPIDS  
ROCKVALLEY  
ROCKWELLCY  
ROLFE  
ROYAL  
RUTHVEN  
SAC CITY  
SALIX  
SANBORN  
SCHALLER  
SERGENTBLF  
SHELDON  
SIBLEY  
SIOUX CITY  
SIOUX CTR  
SIOUX RPD  
SLOAN  
SMITHLAND  
SPENCER  
SPIRITLAKE  
STORM LAKE  
STRUBLE  
SUPERIOR  
SUTHERLAND  
TERRIL  
WALL LAKE  
WASHTA  
WEBB  
WHITING  
SWEA CITY  
LAKOTA  
BANCROFT  
FENTON

TITONKA  
LONE ROCK  
BURT  
WESLEY  
WHITTEMORE  
ALGONA  
WEST BEND  
LUVERNE  
CORWIDTH  
BRADGATE  
RENWICK  
HUMBOLDT  
THOR  
CLARE  
FORT DODGE  
BADGER  
WOOLSTOCK  
VINCENT  
BARNANUM  
KNIERIM  
MOORLAND  
LEHIGH  
DUNCOMBE  
OTHO  
HARCOURT  
GOWRIE