

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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<p>IN RE:</p> <p>AVENTURE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Complainant,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</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 ACKNOWLEDGING STATUS REPORT AND  
REQUIRING FURTHER NOTICE OR REPORT**

(Issued September 22, 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. By order issued July 26, 2006, however, the Board canceled the hearing based on the parties' representation that a hearing

was not necessary because they were engaged in voluntary negotiations. The Board canceled the hearing, suspended the procedural schedule, and required the parties to file a status report detailing the progress of their negotiations by August 25, 2006.

The Board received a status report on September 5, 2006, indicating that the parties had executed a settlement agreement and their negotiated interconnection agreement had been filed with the Board on September 1, 2006, and docketed as Docket No. NIA-06-91. The status report also states that remaining details of the settlement need to be completed, including the physical connection of the networks. The parties ask the Board to retain jurisdiction until these details are completed.

The parties ask that the Board hold this docket open and state they will either file notice when all aspects of the settlement are completed or file a status report on October 2, 2006, if the settlement has not been completed by that date.

The Board will retain jurisdiction over this matter and will hold this docket open to allow the parties time to put the details of their settlement agreement into effect. The Board will require the parties to file notice when the settlement is completed, or to file a status report on October 2, 2006, if the settlement is not completed by that date. The Board stresses that it expects a timely response to this order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Aventure Communications Technology, LLC, and Northwest Iowa Telephone, LLC, shall notify the Board when their settlement has been completed, or shall file a

status report no later than October 2, 2006, detailing their progress toward completing the settlement.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2006.