

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">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 October 11, 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. The Board docketed Aventure's complaint, established an expedited procedural schedule, and opened in inquiry into whether NWIT's rural exemption should be terminated.

By order issued July 26, 2006, the Board canceled the hearing that had been scheduled in this matter based on the parties' representation that a hearing was not necessary because they were engaged in voluntary negotiations. The Board suspended the procedural schedule and required the parties to file a status report detailing the progress of their negotiations. On September 5, 2006, the parties filed a

status report 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.

A second status report was filed on October 2, 2006, indicating that remaining implementation details need to be completed and traffic is not yet being exchanged. The parties ask 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 November 3, 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 more 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 November 3, 2006, if the settlement is not completed by that date.

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 November 3, 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 11th day of October, 2006.