

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  RUTHVEN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CO.	DOCKET NO. TCU-06-13
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0113

**ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued December 21, 2006)

On September 29, 1992, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0113, to Ruthven Telephone Exchange Co. (Ruthven), authorizing Ruthven to provide local telecommunications service in Iowa.

On November 30, 2006, Ruthven filed a request to cancel its existing certificate. Ruthven states that it is merging with its parent company, River Valley Telecommunications Cooperative (River Valley), and that River Valley will assume local exchange service to Ruthven's customers. Ruthven states that it has complied with the notice requirements of 199 IAC 22.23(2)"e."

The Board finds that the cancellation of Ruthven's certificate is reasonable since all of Ruthven's customers and assets and liabilities are to be absorbed by River Valley.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request of Ruthven Telephone Exchange Co. to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, Certificate No. 0113, filed November 30, 2006, is granted, effective when Ruthven withdraws its tariff currently filed with the Board.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2006.