

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION

(Issued March 30, 2007)

On March 1, 2007, U.S. Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion requesting the Board amend the service area where U.S. Cellular is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of receiving federal universal service fund (USF) support. No objections to the motion were received.

In support of its motion, U.S. Cellular states that it recently acquired an additional license area known as "Iowa 15" from Long Lines Wireless, LLC (Long Lines). U.S. Cellular states that on August 30, 2006, the Board designated Long Lines as an ETC and defined Long Lines' designated service area as the area in Iowa where Long Lines was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide service. U.S. Cellular states that the "Iowa 15" service area was included in Long Lines' designated service area as being the six Iowa counties that are shown on the map attached to this order, identified as "Exhibit A," and that it intends to provide universal service fund-supported services throughout its licensed service areas.

U.S. Cellular states that it commits to using the high cost universal service support it receives for the "Iowa 15" service area, and all of its other ETC-designated areas, pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 254(3) and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.7, 54.313, and 54.314, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. U.S. Cellular also states that it will comply with the applicable Iowa rules and regulations of 199 IAC 39.2 governing competitive ETCs. U.S. Cellular certifies that it adheres to applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, that it is able to maintain a minimum of two hours of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, that it is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent local exchange carrier in the relevant service areas, and that it acknowledges the FCC may require it to provide equal access to long distance service in the event that no other eligible carrier is providing equal access within its ETC-designated service area.

The Board finds that because U.S. Cellular has previously been designated as an ETC in Iowa, has assumed control of the network formerly operated by Long Lines, also a previously designated ETC, and has made the necessary certifications so as to substantially comply with 199 IAC 39.2, a transfer of the designation from Long Lines to U.S. Cellular should be approved. The Board notes that U.S. Cellular indicated that it will file data on the "Iowa 15" area in the periodic reports required by the Board's rules, beginning with the August 2007 filings. Based on this representation, the Board will grant U.S. Cellular's motion to amend its ETC

designated service area to include the six county region identified as "Iowa 15" as shown on the map attached to this order as "Exhibit A."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Motion to Amend Designated Territory" filed by U.S. Cellular Corporation on March 1, 2007, is granted as described in this order.

2. The designated service area for U.S. Cellular Corporation, an eligible telecommunications carrier, shall be amended to reflect the addition of the six county region in Iowa identified as "Iowa 15" and attached to this order as "Exhibit A."

3. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to U.S. Cellular Corporation, 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/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of March, 2007.