

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: NORTH WEST RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. TCU-97-25 (TCU-98-3)
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0178

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE

(Issued May 23, 2007)

On January 7, 1998, the Utilities Board (Board) issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity to North West Rural Electric Cooperative (North West REC), identified as Certificate No. 0178, authorizing North West REC to provide local telecommunications service in Iowa. North West REC's certificate was amended on March 25, 1998.

On May 14, 2007, North West REC filed a request to cancel its existing certificate. North West REC requests the cancellation due to changes in its business plan. North West REC states that it currently has no local exchange customers in Iowa and therefore a cancellation of its certificate will not result in a negative impact on the public.

The Board finds that cancellation of North West REC's certificate is reasonable since North West REC is not providing local exchange service in Iowa and does not have any local exchange customers. If North West REC's business

plan changes and it elects to begin providing local exchange service in Iowa in the future, North West REC may reapply for certification.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request of North West Rural Electric Cooperative to cancel its certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0178, filed May 14, 2007, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of May, 2007.