

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WALNUT TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a WALNUT COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NOS. TF-07-106 TCU-03-12
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF, APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE,
APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS, AND
ISSUING AMENDED CERTIFICATE**

(Issued June 27, 2007)

On May 18, 2007, Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications (Walnut), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed amendment to its tariff intended to bring Walnut's tariff into compliance with the terms of 199 IAC 22, pursuant to the changes made to the Board's rules in Docket No. RMU-05-6. The proposed tariff has been identified as TF-07-106. No objections to the proposed tariff have been filed.

As part of its proposed tariff amendment, Walnut states that it intends to provide competitive local exchange service in some additional exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation (Qwest). On May 3, 2004, the Board issued Certificate No. 0281 to Walnut, in Docket No. TCU-03-12, which allows Walnut to provide competitive local exchange service in exchanges served by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom. On June 20, 2007, Walnut filed a letter with the Board requesting that its certificate to provide competitive service be modified to allow Walnut to provide local exchange service in the Qwest

exchanges. Walnut also states that it will adopt Qwest's exchange boundary maps that are currently on file with the Board.

The Board has considered Walnut's request and proposed tariff amendment and notes that Walnut does not indicate how it will utilize telephone numbering resources when providing local exchange service in these new exchanges. Because telephone numbers are not an unlimited resource, if the incumbent local exchange carrier has implemented thousands-block number pooling (TBNP) in exchanges to be served by Walnut, then Walnut must commit to utilize thousands-blocks of telephone numbers as opposed to ten-thousand blocks of numbers (commonly referred to as an "NXX"), even in those areas where TBNP is voluntary, whenever it is technically feasible.

The Board has reviewed Walnut's proposed tariff and finds that it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. The Board will approve the proposed tariff amendment and amend Certificate No. 0281 at this time, provided that Walnut files a statement within 30 days of the date of this order agreeing to participate in TBNP in the Qwest exchanges whenever technically feasible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request filed by Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications, to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity is approved as described in this order, subject to compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 5, below.

2. The proposed tariff amendment filed by Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications, on May 18, 2007, identified as TF-07-106, is approved.

3. An amendment to Certificate No. 0281 is being issued concurrently with this order. Under the amended certificate, Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications, will be allowed to provide service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

4. The concurrence by Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications, in the exchange maps and boundaries of Qwest Corporation is approved.

5. Within 30 days of the date of this order, Walnut Telephone Company, d/b/a Walnut Communications, shall file with the Board a statement agreeing to participate in thousands-block number pooling where technically feasible.

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 27th day of June, 2007.