

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION	DOCKET NO. TF-07-125
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS AND DOCKETING TARIFF**

(Issued July 30, 2007)

On June 29, 2007, the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed tariff changes to its Access Service Tariff No. 1, identified as TF-07-125. The changes proposed by ITA mirror changes made in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) tariff, which is the interstate access service tariff used by Iowa local exchange companies that also concur in the intrastate ITA Access Service Tariff No. 1. One of the changes proposes to increase switched access charges by 16.8 percent.

On July 16, 2007, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Verizon Business (Verizon) each filed a motion to accept their late-filed resistances to ITA's tariff and a resistance to ITA's proposed tariff changes. In support of their motions, Sprint and Verizon cite 199 IAC 22.14, which allows parties resisting an intrastate access tariff 14 days from the date of filing to submit their objections. Sprint and Verizon state that they were informed of ITA's filing of the proposed tariff changes on July 13, 2007, which was the 14<sup>th</sup> day from the date of filing. Sprint and Verizon

request the Board allow their late-filed resistances because they did not have knowledge of the filing before the 14-day deadline expired.

In support of their resistances, Sprint and Verizon state that the Board should not approve a significant increase in access rates without a substantial review of the entire access regime in Iowa. In addition, Sprint and Verizon state that there was no certificate of service from the ITA and no indication that service was made on registered interexchange carriers in Iowa pursuant to 199 IAC 22.14(4). Sprint and Verizon request that the Board reject ITA's proposed tariff changes and initiate an investigation docket to review Iowa's access rate regime. In the alternative, Sprint and Verizon ask the Board to allow ITA's proposed tariff changes to become effective, subject to refund, and open a complaint docket to review the access rate regime, or make the tariff's terms and conditions subject to future complaint.

The Board will grant Sprint's and Verizon's motions and will accept their late-filed resistances to ITA's proposed tariff changes. In addition, the Board will docket ITA's proposed tariff changes, identified as TF-07-125, for further investigation and allow ITA an opportunity to respond to Sprint's and Verizon's objections, after which the Board will decide what further action to take (if any).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The motion to accept late-filed resistance to tariff filed by Verizon Business on July 16, 2007, is granted.

2. The motion to accept late-filed resistance to tariff filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. on July 16, 2007, is granted.

3. The proposed tariff changes to Access Service Tariff No. 1 filed by Iowa Telecommunications Association on June 29, 2007, identified as TF-07-125, are suspended pending further order of the Board due to the service and notice issues described in this order.

4. On or before August 3, 2007, the Iowa Telecommunications Association may file a response to the objections.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

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/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.