

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ASCENDTEL, LLC	DOCKET NO. TCU-01-9
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ORDER WITHDRAWING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION

(Issued July 31, 2007)

On May 3, 2001, AscendTel, LLC (AscendTel), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29. The Board identified the application as Docket No. TCU-01-9. On June 21, 2001, the Board issued an order granting the application. In that order, the Board stated that a certificate would be granted to AscendTel upon the filing of approved tariffs.

AscendTel has since provided notice to the Board that AscendTel has been acquired by LightEdge Solutions, Inc. (LightEdge Solutions), and that LH Telecom, Inc., an affiliate of LightEdge Solutions that holds a certificate to provide local exchange service in Iowa, will assume the AscendTel operations. The Board notes that AscendTel does not have an approved tariff on file with the Board, nor is there a record of the Board issuing a certificate to AscendTel following the Board's June 21, 2001, order.

Based on the information received by AscendTel, the Board will withdraw its approval of AscendTel's application. AscendTel has not established local service in Iowa nor does it have any Iowa customers who would be affected by this withdrawal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Board withdraws its approval of the application for public convenience and necessity filed by AscendTel, LLC, and approved by Board order issued June 21, 2001, in Docket No TCU-01-9. This withdrawal is without prejudice; AscendTel, LLC, may seek a certificate at any time in the future.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of July, 2007.