

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Complainant,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>SUPERIOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE; THE FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY OF RICEVILLE, IOWA; THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF WAYLAND, IOWA; INTERSTATE 35 TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY; DIXON TELEPHONE COMPANY; REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC; GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP.; AND AVENTURE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondents.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. FCU-07-2</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND GRANTING MOTIONS FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE**

(Issued August 6, 2007)

On July 13, 2007, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to extend the hearing date in this proceeding. Pursuant to the amended procedural schedule established in the Board's July 3, 2007, order, the hearing in this matter is scheduled to begin on September 19, 2007. In support of its request, QCC states that it has served discovery on all of the

respondents in this proceeding and subpoenaed 27 third parties, of which 20 reside outside of Iowa. QCC states that before it is able to file its initial testimony, it must gather the information demanded in its discovery and analyze the information. QCC asserts that this work cannot reasonably be completed before the filing date of August 6, 2007, established in the Board's July 3, 2007, order. In addition, QCC states that it has filed two motions to compel responses to its discovery requests from at least three respondents. QCC asserts that reaching a conclusion on these motions is time consuming and therefore justifies an extension of the current hearing date. No objection to QCC's motion has been filed.

The Board has reviewed QCC's request and finds that it is reasonable. Since there is no objection to QCC's request, the Board will grant the motion and extend the hearing date until December 18, 2007. An amended procedural schedule will be established accordingly.

On July 11, 2007, Charles W. Steese, an out-of-state attorney representing QCC in this proceeding, filed a request for admission to appear as attorney on behalf of QCC. In support of his request, Mr. Steese states that he is licensed to practice law in Colorado and Arizona and that he is a member in good standing of the bars of those jurisdictions. Mr. Steese states that Iowa attorney David S. Sather also sponsors her request.

On July 12, 2007, Sandra L. Potter, an out-of-state attorney also representing QCC in this proceeding, filed a request for admission to appear as attorney on behalf of QCC. In support of her request, Ms. Potter states that she is licensed to practice law in Colorado and that she is a member in good standing of the bar of that

jurisdiction. Ms. Potter states that Iowa attorney David S. Sather sponsors his request.

Mr. Steese and Ms. Potter's requests appear to be in full compliance with 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e" and include the written appearance of an attorney admitted in Iowa, upon whom service may be made in all matters connected with this case pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court rule 31.14. The motions for admission pro hac vice will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion to extend the hearing in this proceeding filed by Qwest Communications Corporation on July 13, 2007, is granted as described in this order.
2. The procedural schedule in this docket is amended to reflect the following changes:
 - a. Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) and any intervenors aligned with QCC shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 1, 2007.
 - b. Respondents and any intervenors aligned with them shall file rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 29, 2007.
 - c. QCC and any intervenors aligned with QCC shall file reply testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before November 16, 2007.
 - d. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on Tuesday,

December 18, 2007, in the Board's hearing room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request appropriate arrangements.

e. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before January 18, 2008.

2. The motion for admission pro hac vice filed on July 11, 2007, by Qwest Communications Corporation is granted pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e." Charles W. Steese is authorized to appear in this proceeding as attorney on behalf of Qwest Communications Corporation.

3. The motion for admission pro hac vice filed on July 12, 2007, by Qwest Communications Corporation is granted pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e." Sandra L. Potter is authorized to appear in this proceeding as attorney on behalf of Qwest Communications Corporation.

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 6th day of August, 2007.