

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioning Party,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Responding Party.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-07-2</p>
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**ORDER DOCKETING PETITION FOR ARBITRATION,
SCHEDULING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE, AND
SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued September 5, 2007)

On August 30, 2007, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) requesting that the Board arbitrate certain terms and conditions of a proposed interconnection agreement between Sprint and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom). The petition was filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b). The petition has been identified as Docket No. ARB-07-2. In compliance with the procedure established in 199 IAC 38.7(3)"f," the Board is docketing Sprint's petition for arbitration.

Paragraph 38.7(3)"g" requires the Board to schedule a conference among the parties within 15 days of the Board's receipt of the petition and to hold that

conference within 40 days of the filing of the petition. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the arbitration hearing date, clarify the issues to be resolved, identify additional information needed to reach a decision on the issues, schedule production of documents and other information, discuss or rule on any other procedural matters, and consider any other matters that will expedite the arbitration process. The Board will set an accelerated date for the telephone conference to ensure sufficient time for the Board to consider all issues identified by the parties. The Board will schedule a telephone conference call for 10 a.m. on September 10, 2007. The parties are directed to call 1-866-685-1580, using conference code number 5152814769, to participate in the telephone conference.

In order to give the parties sufficient notice of upcoming deadlines and to allow the Board sufficient time to meet the deadline for its decision in this docket, the Board will establish a procedural schedule at this time. While this is normally a subject of discussion at the conference, the realities of the Board's calendar make it necessary to set a schedule at this time.

Further, in order to ensure timely action in this matter, the parties are directed to electronically submit all motions, pleadings, pre-filed testimony, and exhibits in a Microsoft Office 2000 format (or in a format that is convertible by these applications without loss of data or functionality) to Mary Whitman, Assistant General Counsel, at Mary.Whitman@iub.state.ia.us, when technically feasible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition for arbitration filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. on August 30, 2007, is docketed for consideration by the Board as Docket No. ARB-07-2. The issues for decision are as specified in the petition and as they may develop during the course of the proceedings.

2. A telephone conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. on September 10, 2007. The parties are directed to call 1-866-685-1580, using conference code number 5152814769, to participate in the telephone conference.

3. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. Sprint shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 14, 2007.

b. Iowa Telecom shall file rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 1, 2007.

c. Sprint shall file reply testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 10, 2007.

d. The parties are directed to electronically submit motions, pleadings, prepared testimony, and exhibits to Board staff when technically feasible, as described in this order.

e. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on October 24, 2007, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties

shall appear 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 in advance of the scheduled date to request appropriate arrangements.

f. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before November 7, 2007.

g. The Board shall issue a final decision in this docket on or before December 24, 2007.

4. In the absence of objection, all workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

5. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or cross-examination which have not previously been filed with the Board shall become a part of the evidentiary record. The party making reference to the data request or response shall file an original and six copies at the earliest possible time.

6. In the absence of objection, if the Board calls for further evidence on any issue and that evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record shall be reopened and the evidence will become a part of the evidentiary record five days after filing. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than five days after the close of the hearing.

7. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(2) and (11), the time for filing responses or objections to data requests and motions will be shortened to five days from the date the motion is filed or the data request is served. All data requests and motions should be served by facsimile or by electronic mail in addition to United States mail.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5th day of September, 2007.