

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION	DOCKET NO. TF-07-125
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE

(Issued September 14, 2007)

On September 13, 2007, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order denying motions made by the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) on September 11, 2007, and the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) on September 12, 2007, to extend the briefing schedule established in this docket by Board order issued August 30, 2007. In its September 13 order, the Board determined that the issues raised in this docket merited an expedited investigation and that absent a concurrence by objectors Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Verizon Business (Verizon) to extend the briefing schedule, the Board would deny RIITA's and ITA's requests and maintain the briefing schedule established in the August 30 order.

On September 14, 2007, Sprint and Verizon filed a joint motion to extend the briefing schedule. In support of their motion, Sprint and Verizon state that while they

did not agree with RIITA and ITA regarding a lengthy extension, Sprint and Verizon believe that some additional time is appropriate given the significance of the issues and request that the Board extend the deadline for initial briefs to September 21, 2007, and the deadline for reply briefs to October 5, 2007. Sprint and Verizon also request the Board require the parties to serve all filings electronically in addition to U.S. Mail.

The Board will grant Sprint's and Verizon's motion to extend the briefing schedule. Board staff has participated in informal telephone conversations regarding an extension with counsel for most of the parties to this proceeding and finds that the parties are in agreement with a reasonable extension (although they do not necessarily agree on the length of that extension). Therefore, the briefing deadline will be extended as requested by Sprint and Verizon.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The briefing schedule established by Board order issued August 30, 2007, is amended as follows:
 - a. Any party wanting to file an initial brief addressing the issues described in the August 30, 2007, order shall do so on or before September 21, 2007.

b. Any party wanting to file a reply brief shall do so on or before
October 5, 2007.

2. The parties filing briefs in this proceeding are directed to serve all filings
on each other by electronic mail in addition to U.S. Mail.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of September, 2007.