

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION,

Complainant,

vs.

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,

Respondents;

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REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY,

Counterclaimant,

vs.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION AND QWEST  
CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Respondents.

DOCKET NO. FCU-07-2

**ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSE  
ISSUED PURSUANT TO 199 IAC 7.1(8)**

(Issued October 17, 2007)

On October 11, 2007, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an emergency motion to designate as public certain documents that were originally produced and identified by Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company of Wayland, Iowa (Farmers), as confidential. In addition, QCC requests the Board compel the production of additional documents from Farmers. Also on October 11, 2007, QCC filed a request to shorten Farmers' response time to QCC's motion. QCC filed a revised version of its motion on October 12, 2007.

In support of its request to shorten Farmers' response time, QCC states that it seeks to submit the documents in question to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of a request for reconsideration and that such a submission must be made on or before November 1, 2007. Therefore, QCC seeks expedited treatment of its motion and asks that Farmers be given three days to respond to the motion, rather than the 14 days normally allowed by 199 IAC 7.12.

The Board will grant QCC's request to shorten Farmers' response time. Because Farmers has essentially been on notice of QCC's motion since October 12, 2007, the Board finds it is reasonable that Farmers submit a response to QCC's motion on or before October 22, 2007, giving Farmers ten days from the date the motion was filed.

Because no member of the Board is available to issue this procedural order, this order is being issued by the Board's administrative law judge in order to maintain the efficient and reasonable conduct of these proceedings pursuant to 199 IAC

7.1(8), and is subject to review by the Board upon its own motion or upon motion by any party or other interested person. QCC has demonstrated good cause to issue this order pursuant to this rule and the prejudice to Farmers is not substantial.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request to shorten response time filed by Qwest Communications Corporation on October 11, 2007, as revised on October 12, 2007, is granted as described in this order.

2. Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company of Wayland, Iowa, is directed to submit a response to the October 11, 2007, motion filed by Qwest Communications Corporation, on or before October 22, 2007. Farmers is hereby notified that in the absence of a timely filing, the Board may determine that the documents in question are not entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to 199 IAC 1.9 and may make the documents available for public inspection.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
Amy L. Christensen  
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.