

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. M-272
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ORDER APPROVING PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE PLAN

(Issued November 6, 2007)

On August 8, 2007, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Notice of Stipulation Regarding Certain Performance Indicator Definitions and Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Provisions and Joint Motion on Behalf of the Stipulating Parties to Approve Same." The stipulating parties are identified as DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company (Covad), and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.¹ Qwest and the stipulating parties request that the stipulation be accepted and ask the Board to apply the appropriate changes to the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) and to the interconnection agreements that contain the QPAP. Qwest and the stipulating parties also request the Board allow the new Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) to take effect.

On September 20, 2007, citing the Board's participation in a multi-state review of the proposed changes, the Board issued an order docketing the QPAP and

¹ Other competitive local exchange carriers that have joined in the stipulation but are not certificated to provide local exchange service in Iowa are US Link, d/b/a TDS Metrocom (Metrocom), and Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon).

seeking comments regarding the proposed modifications to the QPAP and the PIDs. The Board also requested a report from Qwest regarding the anticipated financial impact of the proposed changes. No comments have been filed by any interested party.

On October 3, 2007, Qwest filed its response to the Board's September 20, 2007, order. The Board has reviewed the projected financial impact information submitted by Qwest and finds that such impacts are minimal. As there have not been any comments received, the Board will approve the proposed changes to the QPAP and the PIDs as submitted by Qwest on August 8, 2007. The Board notes that it retains its authority to modify the QPAP per Section 16.1 of Qwest's Exhibit "K," which allows for a six-month review of the QPAP, if necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Qwest Performance Assurance Plan and Performance Indicator Definitions submitted by Qwest Corporation on August 8, 2007, are approved as described in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of November, 2007.