

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SHELL ROCK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TCU-07-8
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION
AND APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS**

(Issued December 13, 2007)

On October 15, 2007, Shell Rock Communications, Inc. (Shell Rock), filed an application with the Utilities Board (Board) for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29, stating its intention to provide local exchange service in Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-07-8. Shell Rock has provided financial statements and the qualifications of its company officers and has stated it will support a 2-PIC dialing methodology for dialing parity.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest."

The Board has reviewed Shell Rock's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. Shell Rock has also filed a statement indicating that it commits to utilizing thousand-block number pooling (TBNP), even in areas where TBNP is voluntary, to the extent it is technically feasible to do so.

Shell Rock also states that its service area will mirror the exchanges and service area maps of Shell Rock Telephone Company, the incumbent carrier in the Shell Rock, Iowa, exchange, as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which landline local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Shell Rock has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the exchange maps of Shell Rock Telephone Company.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Shell Rock Communications, Inc., on October 15, 2007, is approved. A certificate will be issued when the company has an approved tariff on file with the Board.

2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Shell Rock Telephone Company is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of December, 2007.