

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, L.L.C.,

Respondents;

REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC,

Counterclaimant,

vs.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Respondent

DOCKET NO. FCU-07-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued December 27, 2007)

On December 21, 2007, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an unopposed request to extend the procedural schedule and delay the hearing in this proceeding. Pursuant to the amended procedural schedule established in the Board's September 25, 2007, order, the hearing in this matter is currently scheduled to begin on June 23, 2008. QCC seeks re-scheduling to July 2008.

In support of its request, QCC states that it has recently received approximately 40,000 pages of material from a third-party pursuant to discovery requests. QCC states that it expects to soon receive another 10,000 pages from another subpoenaed party. QCC states that the receipt of these documents was delayed due to the withdrawal of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP (Kelley Drye), as counsel of record for Superior Telephone Cooperative (Superior) and Great Lakes Communication Corp. (Great Lakes), as well as for several third parties. QCC states that it is not possible to file meaningful testimony by the established January 22, 2008, deadline or to parcel out issues as considered by the Board's December 17, 2007, order. QCC also states that it has coordinated an extension with the respondents in this case and that all are in agreement that an extended schedule is appropriate.

The Board has reviewed QCC's request and finds that it is reasonable. Since there is no objection to QCC's request, the Board will grant the motion and reschedule the hearing in this matter to August 4, 2008. (The Board has no suitable

hearing date available in July.) An amended procedural schedule will be established accordingly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion to extend the hearing in this proceeding filed by Qwest Communications Corporation on December 21, 2007, is granted as described in this order.

2. The procedural schedule in this docket is amended to reflect the following changes:

a. Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) and any intervenors aligned with QCC shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before February 25, 2008.

b. Respondents and any intervenors aligned with them shall file rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before May 27, 2008.

c. QCC and any intervenors aligned with QCC shall file reply testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before June 23, 2008.

d. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008, in the Board's hearing room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Parties shall appear at the hearing 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 to request appropriate arrangements.

e. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before September 2, 2008.

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 27th day of December, 2007.