

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:	DOCKET NO. VCA-07-1
SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	CERTIFICATE NO. V-0001

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued January 8, 2008)

On December 26, 2007, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) filed an initial application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide video service. The application includes an affidavit signed by South Slope's chief executive officer affirming that South Slope has filed or will file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) all forms required by the FCC before offering service in Iowa and that South Slope agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules, and with all applicable state laws and nondiscriminatory municipal ordinances and regulations regarding the use and occupation of a public right-of-way in the delivery of video service, to the extent consistent with 2007 Iowa Acts, S.F. 554,¹ including the police powers of the municipalities in which the service is delivered.

¹ 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 554, became effective on May 29, 2007, and requires that providers of cable or video service in Iowa have a franchise, which can be issued either by the Board or a municipality. Senate File 554 directed the Board to adopt rules to implement the statute. The Board's rules regarding certificates of franchise authority are found at 199 IAC 44 and went into effect on December 26, 2007.

South Slope's application includes the names and titles of its principal executive officers with direct authority over video operations and provides customer service contact information.

In a manner consistent with Board subrule 44.3(3), South Slope describes the service area and municipalities to be served. Specifically, in Exhibit A attached to its application, South Slope states that its video service area includes all incorporated and unincorporated areas in the following local telephone exchange service areas, each as defined by exchange area boundary maps on file with the Board: Newhall exchange, Norway exchange, Fairfax exchange, Ely exchange, North Liberty exchange, and Amana exchange. South Slope explains that the service area excludes the corporate limits of the following municipalities in which South Slope is currently providing video service under municipal franchise agreements entered into prior to July 1, 2007: Newhall, Norway, Ely, Fairfax, Shueyville, North Liberty, Solon, Tiffin, Oxford, and Walford.

As required by Board rule 44.6, South Slope attached a filing fee of \$100 to the application.

The Board has reviewed South Slope's application and finds it complies with the Board's rules at 199 IAC 44. The Board will grant South Slope's application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide video service in the service area identified in the application. The Board will issue South Slope a certificate of franchise authority concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide video service filed by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company on December 26, 2007, is granted.

2. A certificate of franchise authority, identified as Certificate No. V-0001, is issued to South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company concurrently with this order.

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 8th day of January, 2008.

**CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO 199 IAC 44**

Certificate of Franchise Authority Number: V-0001

This certificate grants the named cable or video service provider the following authority:

- ❖ To provide cable or video service in the service area designated below; and
- ❖ To use and occupy the public right-of-way in the delivery of cable or video service, subject to the laws of the State of Iowa, including the police powers of the municipalities in which the service is delivered.

The grant of authority provided by this certificate is subject to the lawful operation of the cable or video service by the named cable or video service provider or its successor.

The franchise is for a term of ten years beginning on the effective date shown below, is renewable under the terms of 2007 Iowa Acts, S.F. 554, and is nonexclusive.

Cable/Video Service Provider:

South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company
980 North Front St., P.O. Box 19
North Liberty, IA 52317

Type of Service to be Provided:

- Cable
- Video
- Cable and Video

Description of Service Area:

All incorporated and unincorporated areas in the following local telephone exchange service areas, each as defined by exchange boundary maps on file with the Iowa Utilities Board: Newhall exchange, Norway exchange, Fairfax exchange, Ely exchange, North Liberty exchange, and Amana exchange. The service area excludes the corporate limits of the following municipalities: Newhall, Norway, Ely, Fairfax, Shueyville, North Liberty, Solon, Tiffin, Oxford, and Walford.

Issued by:

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Effective on this 8th day of January 2008.

