

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2
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**ORDER DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER**

(Issued January 14, 2008)

On October 23, 2007, IT Communications, LLC (IT Communications), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for universal service eligible telecommunications carrier status in certain Iowa exchanges. IT Communications filed supplements to its application on January 3 and 4, 2008. IT Communications asks that the Board designate it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2 in the identified exchanges attached to this order as Exhibit A. No objections have been filed regarding this application.

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254 (the Act). Under the Act (and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets certain service requirements before it may be designated an eligible telecommunications carrier as set forth in subrule 39.2(3). The carrier must, among other things:

- 1) Offer the services supported by the federal universal service fund;
- 2) Offer the services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale (47 C.F.R. § 54.201(c) provides that "own facilities" includes purchased unbundled network elements);
- 3) Advertise the availability of the supported services; and
- 4) Offer the services throughout the designated service area.

In its amended request for designation, IT Communications states that it satisfies each of the requirements listed in 199 IAC 39.2(3). Based on IT Communications' unopposed representations and the supporting information filed by IT Communications, the Board finds that IT Communications offers the services supported by the federal universal service fund in the manner required by 199 IAC 39.2(3) and will comply with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules throughout its designated service area.

IT Communications also states that it will provide to the Board, for informational purposes, a description of its service and rate plan(s) when it commences providing universal service fund offerings to Iowa customers. The Board finds these commitments by IT Communications adequate to assure that public interest concerns will be satisfied.

The Board also notes that it has adopted rules regarding the certification and reporting requirements for ETCs. IT Communications is required to file an annual certification regarding its use of universal service funds with the Board in addition to

various reports. The certification and reports must be made pursuant to 199 IAC 39 as described in Docket No. RMU-06-1, In re: Eligibility, Certification, and Reporting Requirements for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers [199 IAC 39].

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to IT Communications, LLC, as requested in its application filed October 23, 2007, and supplemented January 3 and 4, 2008, subject to the voluntary commitments described in the body of this order.

2. The designated service area for IT Communications, LLC, shall be those exchanges listed in the attachment to this order as Exhibit A.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail copies of this order to IT Communications, LLC, the Universal Service Administration Company, the Federal Communications Commission Universal Service Branch, and the Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

**EXHIBIT A**

**Exchanges For Which ETC Designation Is Sought**

Ames  
Cedar Rapids  
Council Bluffs  
Davenport-Metro Area  
Des Moines  
Dubuque  
Iowa City  
Sioux City  
Waterloo