

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CITIZENS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. VCA-08-1 <hr/> CERTIFICATE NO. VC-0001
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued January 24, 2008)

On January 7, 2008, Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative (Citizens) filed an initial application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service. The application includes an affidavit signed by Citizens' general manager affirming that Citizens has filed or will file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) all forms required by the FCC before offering service in Iowa and that Citizens 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 cable and video service, to the extent consistent with 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 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.

Citizens' application includes the names and titles of its principle executive officers with direct authority over cable and video operations and provides customer service contact information.

Citizens explains it is an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) providing telephone service in Iowa in a geographic service area on file with the Board and states it will provide cable and video service in the area it serves as an ILEC. The Board notes that the local telephone exchanges named in Citizens' local exchange tariff are Bloomfield, Drakesville, Floris, Mark, and Pulaski.

As required by 199 IAC 44.6, Citizens attached a filing fee of \$100 to its application.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service filed by Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative on January 7, 2008, is granted.

2. A certificate of franchise authority, identified as Certificate No. VC-0001, is issued to Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative 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 24th day of January, 2008.

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

Certificate of Franchise Authority Number: VC-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:

Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative
114 W. Jefferson St.
P.O. Box 130
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Type of Service to be Provided:

- Cable
- Video
- Cable and Video

Description of Service Area:

Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative's cable and video service area is the geographic area in which it serves as an incumbent local exchange carrier and consists of the following local telephone exchange service areas, each as defined by exchange boundary maps on file with the Iowa Utilities Board: Bloomfield, Drakesville, Floris, Mark, and Pulaski.

Issued by:

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Effective on this 24th day of January 2008.

