

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Petitioning Party,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Responding Party.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-07-2</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

(Issued January 28, 2008)

On December 21, 2007, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order ("Arbitration Order") in this arbitration proceeding regarding certain unresolved terms of a proposed interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom). The proceeding was conducted by the Board pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and 199 IAC 38.7(4). The Arbitration Order required the parties to submit to the Board an interconnection agreement within 30 days of the date of the order.

On January 10, 2008, Sprint filed a motion for clarification of certain issues addressed in the Arbitration Order. On January 23, 2008, Sprint filed an amendment to its motion for clarification. Sprint explains that because its motion for clarification

of certain issues is still outstanding and the parties have not yet agreed on language addressing other issues, the parties will not reach agreement on a conforming interconnection agreement in time to meet the 30-day time period established in the Arbitration Order. Sprint asks to amend its motion for clarification to request an additional 30 days after the Board rules on the motion for clarification for the parties to complete and file a conforming interconnection agreement.

The Board understands that the parties have not yet agreed on all terms for an interconnection agreement and thus were not able to file an agreement within 30 days of the date of the Arbitration Order. The Board will establish a deadline by which the parties must file an interconnection agreement when it rules on Sprint's motion for clarification.

Also on January 23, 2008, Iowa Telecom filed a motion for extension of time to respond to Sprint's motion for clarification. Iowa Telecom explains that the parties have exchanged drafts of an interconnection agreement and are planning to meet by conference call on January 28 to discuss those drafts and determine contract language or identify any matters requiring final clarification by the Board. Iowa Telecom asks that the time for it to respond to Sprint's motion for clarification be extended to February 1, 2008. Iowa Telecom indicates that its counsel is authorized to represent that Sprint concurs in the request.

The Board finds Iowa Telecom's request reasonable and will grant the motion for extension of time to February 1, 2008.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The motion for extension of time filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, on January 23, 2008, is granted. Iowa Telecom's response to the motion for clarification filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. must be filed on or before February 1, 2008.

2. Ordering Clause No. 2 of the Board's "Arbitration Order" issued in this docket on December 21, 2007, which requires that the parties file an interconnection agreement within 30 days of the date of the order, is suspended pending further order of the Board.

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