

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE ARBITRATION OF:</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 MOTION AND  
SETTING DEADLINES FOR RESPONSE**

(Issued February 5, 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).

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. Also on January 23, 2008, Iowa Telecom filed a motion for extension of time to respond to Sprint's motion for clarification.

On January 28, 2008, the Board issued an order granting Iowa Telecom an extension of time by which to respond to Sprint's motion for clarification. On February 1, 2008, Iowa Telecom filed a response to Sprint's motion for clarification and its own motion for clarification.

On February 4, 2008, Sprint filed a "Motion for Leave to File Response." Sprint asks that it be allowed to file a response to Iowa Telecom's response and motion for clarification. Sprint seeks an opportunity to reply to Iowa Telecom's response to issues originally raised by Sprint and to respond for the first time to what Sprint asserts are new issues raised by Iowa Telecom. Sprint asks that its response be due on February 15, 2008.

The Board agrees that Sprint should be allowed to respond to Iowa Telecom's response and motion for clarification and will grant Sprint's request. Sprint shall file its response to Iowa Telecom's response on or before February 15, 2008.

Further, now that both parties have asked the Board to clarify certain aspects of the Arbitration Order and Iowa Telecom has filed a request for reconsideration on rehearing, the Board will require that if the parties wish to request additional briefing in this matter or have any other proposals for how to proceed, they should file those requests or proposals with the Board by February 19, 2008.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Sprint's "Motion for Leave to File Response" filed on February 4, 2008, is granted. Sprint shall file a response to Iowa Telecom's "Response to Sprint's

Motion for Clarification and Iowa Telecom Motion for Clarification" filed in this docket on February 1, 2008, by February 15, 2008.

2. Any requests for additional briefing in this matter or proposals for how to proceed regarding the requests for clarification and request for reconsideration shall be filed by February 19, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.