

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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<p>IN RE:</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Complainant,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">vs.</p> <p>SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY,</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">DOCKET NO. ARB-08-1</p>
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**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued February 15, 2008)

On February 7, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) requesting the Board arbitrate certain terms and conditions of a proposed interconnection agreement between Qwest and South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope).

On February 11, 2008, the Board issued an order docketing Qwest's petition and setting a telephone conference to discuss the procedural schedule and other matters, pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(3)"g." The telephone conference took place as scheduled on February 12, 2008. Qwest and South Slope were participants in the call.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)"4"(c), the Board must issue a final decision in this proceeding on or before May 30, 2008. A procedural schedule will be established to accommodate this deadline.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. The parties shall simultaneously file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before February 22, 2008.

b. The parties shall simultaneously file any rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before March 7, 2008.

c. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on March 18, 2008, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

d. Any party desiring to file a brief may do so on or before March 31, 2008.

e. The Board shall issue a final decision in this docket on or before May 30, 2008.

2. In the absence of objection, all workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

3. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or cross-examination, which have not previously been filed with the Board, shall become a part of the evidentiary record. The party making reference to the data request or response shall file an original and six copies at the earliest possible time.

4. In the absence of objection, if the Board calls for further evidence on any issue and that evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record shall be reopened and the evidence will become a part of the evidentiary record five days after filing. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than five days after the close of the hearing.

5. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(2) and (11), the time for filing responses or objections to data requests and motions will be shortened to five days from the date the motion is filed or the data request is served. All data requests and motions should be served by facsimile or by electronic mail in addition to United States mail.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.