

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

(Issued February 26, 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 asking that it be allowed to file a response which would be a reply to Iowa Telecom's response and a response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification.

On February 5, 2008, the Board issued an order granting Sprint's request. In that order, the Board also asked that if the parties wished to request additional briefing or if they had any proposals for how to proceed, they should file those requests or suggestions by February 19, 2008.

On February 15, 2008, Sprint filed a reply to Iowa Telecom's response and a response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification. On February 19, 2008, Sprint filed its response to the Board's request for additional proposals. In the February 19 response, Sprint asserts that Iowa Telecom included additional issues in its motion for clarification that were not addressed in Sprint's motion; that to the extent Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification constitutes a request for rehearing or reconsideration, that request is not timely; and that the issues raised in Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification go beyond seeking clarification. Sprint asks the Board to reject Iowa Telecom's motion.

Sprint attaches an interconnection agreement which it describes as conforming to the Board's decisions in the Arbitration Order and asks that the Board approve the agreement and order Iowa Telecom to sign it. Alternatively, Sprint asks the Board to resolve the disputed language on the record before it and decline to allow additional hearings or briefings.

On February 19, 2008, Iowa Telecom filed a motion for leave to respond to Sprint's response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification. Iowa Telecom asks for a period of 14 days to reply to Sprint's response. Iowa Telecom states it does not believe additional briefing is necessary concerning the issues for which clarification has been requested.

On February 20, 2008, Iowa Telecom filed a reply to Sprint's response to the Board's request for additional proposals. Iowa Telecom asserts Sprint's response violates the Board's February 5 order asking for additional proposals by going beyond requests for additional briefing or proposals for how to proceed in this manner to include additional response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification. Iowa Telecom asserts that Sprint's February 19 pleading constitutes a further response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification. Thus, Iowa Telecom renews its request for 14 days to respond Sprint's response and that the 14 days be from the date of Sprint's additional response, February 19. According to Iowa Telecom, the due date for its response would be March 4, 2008, after which the matter would be fully submitted to the Board.

The Board agrees with Iowa Telecom that it should be allowed to reply to Sprint's response to Iowa Telecom's motion for clarification. The Board allowed Sprint to reply to Iowa Telecom's response to Sprint's motion for clarification, so will allow Iowa Telecom that same opportunity. Iowa Telecom shall file its response by March 4, 2008.

The Board will address all other pending motions and requests in a subsequent order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Iowa Telecom's "Motion for Leave to File Response" filed on February 19, 2008, and as modified on February 20, 2008, is granted. Iowa Telecom shall file a response to Sprint's "Response to Iowa Telecom Motion for Clarification" filed in this docket on February 15, 2008, as supplemented by Sprint's "Response to Board's Request for Additional Proposals" filed on February 19, 2008, by March 4, 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 26th day of February, 2008.