

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION,

Complainant,

vs.

SUPERIOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE;  
THE FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY OF  
RICEVILLE, IOWA; THE FARMERS &  
MERCHANTS MUTUAL TELEPHONE  
COMPANY OF WAYLAND, IOWA;  
INTERSTATE 35 TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
d/b/a INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS  
COMPANY; DIXON TELEPHONE COMPANY;  
REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC;  
GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP.;  
AND AVENTURE COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGY, LLC,

Respondents;

DOCKET NO. FCU-07-2

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REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY,

Counterclaimant,

vs.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION AND QWEST  
CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Respondents.

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION**

(Issued March 11, 2008)

On March 5, 2008, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed a motion with the Utilities Board (Board) seeking a certain degree of flexibility for filing its initial testimony in this docket. Pursuant to Board order issued January 8, 2008, QCC's initial testimony in this proceeding is due on or before March 17, 2008. In its motion before the Board, QCC proposes to send its initial testimony via FedEx or other overnight delivery service on March 17, 2008, which would result in the Board's receipt of that testimony as March 18, 2008. This would allow QCC to assemble the filings and the service copies at the same time.

In addition, QCC proposes that instead of filing an original and ten paper copies of the testimony and supporting workpapers and exhibits as required by 199 IAC 7.4(4)"b," it should be allowed to submit an original and four printed paper copies of its direct testimony with exhibits and six printed paper copies of its direct testimony without paper copies of the exhibits; these exhibits copies would be submitted on compact disc. In addition, QCC proposes to deliver all paper copies of its initial testimony on March 18, 2008, and its exhibits on compact disc to the Board on or before March 21, 2008. QCC asserts that the testimony and supporting workpapers are voluminous and seeks a working alternative to the Board's filing requirements.

The Board has reviewed QCC's request and finds that it is reasonable. QCC indicates its initial testimony and supporting workpapers and exhibits in this proceeding will be voluminous. The Board will allow QCC to have until March 17,

2008, to organize its testimony for filing and, for purposes of this proceeding, will view the delivery of the testimony and exhibits to an overnight delivery service on March 17, 2008, as complying with the Board's January 8, 2008, order.

In addition, for purposes of this proceeding, the Board will accept QCC's proposal to file an original and ten paper copies of its initial testimony and an original and four paper copies of its supporting workpapers and exhibits, along with two compact disc copies of the workpapers and exhibits. Providing some of these documents in an electronic format will save substantial storage space for the Board and will facilitate the Board's review of the information. The Board understands that creating a disc that contains all of the workpapers and exhibits in an organized, useful manner and compliant format is time consuming. Therefore, the Board will allow QCC to supplement its initial filing with the prepared discs on or before March 21, 2008.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The motion filed by Qwest Communications Corporation on March 5, 2008, to allow QCC to send its initial testimony, workpapers, and exhibits via an overnight delivery service on March 17, 2008, for delivery to the Board on March 18, 2008, is granted.
2. Qwest Communications Corporation may file an original and ten printed paper copies of its direct testimony, an original and four printed paper copies of its supporting workpapers and exhibits, and two compact disc copies of its supporting

workpapers and exhibits. The files on the compact disc copies should be in a format that complies with 199 IAC 7.7 and should be organized and named in a manner that makes them useful.

3. Qwest Communications Corporations may submit the two compact discs containing supporting workpapers and exhibits to the Board on or before March 21, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.