

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  NEUTRAL TANDEM-IOWA, LLC	DOCKET NO. TCU-08-5
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
AND APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS**

(Issued June 24, 2008)

On April 7, 2008, Neutral Tandem-Iowa, LLC (Neutral Tandem), filed an application with the Utilities Board (Board) for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29, stating its intention to provide local exchange service in Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-08-5. Neutral Tandem has provided financial statements and the qualifications of its company officers and has stated it will support a 2-PIC dialing methodology for dialing parity.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest."

The Board has reviewed Neutral Tandem's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. Neutral Tandem has also filed a statement indicating that it commits to utilizing thousand-block number pooling (TBNP), even in areas where TBNP is voluntary, to the extent it is technically feasible to do so.

Neutral Tandem also states that its service area will mirror the exchanges and service area maps of the incumbent local exchange carriers as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which landline local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Neutral Tandem has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the incumbent carrier's exchange maps.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Neutral Tandem-Iowa, LLC, on April 7, 2008, is approved. A certificate will be issued when the company has an approved tariff on file with the Board.
2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of all incumbent local exchange carriers is approved.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.