

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC, d/b/a VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, AND MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complainants,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM; IOWA TELECOM NORTH; IOWA TELECOM SYSTEMS; IOWA TELECOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; IT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC; AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respondents.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-08-6</p>
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued June 27, 2008)

On June 4, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. FCU-08-6. This docket involves a complaint filed on February 20, 2008, by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, and MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services (collectively, Verizon), asking the

Board to reduce the intrastate switched access rates of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Iowa Telecom North, Iowa Telecom Systems, Iowa Telecom Communications, Inc., and IT Communications, LLC (collectively, Iowa Telecom), and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier). Verizon bases its complaint on Iowa Code §§ 476.1, 476.3, 476.11, and 476.101(1), and the Board's rules at 199 IAC chapter 6.

On May 29, 2008, the Board issued an order requesting Verizon, Iowa Telecom and Frontier to submit briefs addressing several issues identified in the order. Pursuant to that order, initial briefs are due on July 14, 2008.

In its petition, Qwest asks to intervene in light of the scope of the Board's questions regarding the extent of the Board's authority to order certain local exchange carriers to reduce access rates, among other broad issues identified in the Board's order. Qwest states its intervention is permitted under Board subrule 7.13(4) and asserts the Board's decision on one or more of the issues identified in this proceeding could affect Qwest's financial and operational interests. Qwest asserts that as both the largest incumbent local exchange provider in Iowa and a large interexchange carrier, its interests in this proceeding will not be adequately represented by Verizon. Qwest also states it is interconnected with, provides services to, and exchanges traffic with Iowa Telecom and Frontier, and thus pays rates that are at issue in this proceeding.

To date, no objections to Qwest's request to intervene have been filed with the Board. The Board will grant the petition to intervene. Qwest has alleged a unique interest in this proceeding that is not currently represented. The Board does not believe any changes to the briefing schedule are necessary at this time. Qwest may submit its initial brief on or before July 14, 2008, as provided in the Board's May 29, 2008, order in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene in Docket No. FCU-08-6 filed by Qwest Corporation on June 4, 2008, is granted.

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 27th day of June, 2008.