

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. VCA-08-8
	CERTIFICATE NO. VC-0004

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued August 6, 2008)

On July 16, 2008, Partner Communications Cooperative (Partner) filed an initial application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service. The application includes an affidavit signed by a corporate officer affirming that (a) Partner has filed or will file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) all forms required by the FCC before offering service in Iowa and (b) Partner agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules and with all applicable state laws and nondiscriminatory municipal ordinances and regulations regarding the use and occupation of a public right-of-way in the delivery of cable and video service, to the extent consistent with Iowa Code chapter 477A, including the police powers of the municipalities in which the service is delivered.

Partner's application includes the name and title of its principle executive officer with direct authority over cable and video operations and provides customer service contact information.

In a manner consistent with 199 IAC 44.3(3), Partner describes the service area and municipalities to be served. Specifically, in Exhibit A attached to its application, Partner states that its service area includes all incorporated and unincorporated areas in the following local telephone exchange service areas, each as defined by exchange area boundary maps on file with the Board: Baxter, Gilman, Kellogg, Melbourne, Rhodes, and State Center local telephone exchanges. Partner explains that its service area excludes the corporate limits of the following municipalities in which it is currently providing service under existing municipal franchise agreements: Gilman, Laurel, Oakland Acres/Rock Creek Lake, Rhodes, and State Center.

As required by 199 IAC 44.6, Partner attached a filing fee of \$100 to its application.

The Board has reviewed Partner's application and finds it complies with the Board's rules at 199 IAC 44. The Board will grant Partner's application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service in the service area identified in the application. The Board will issue a certificate of franchise authority concurrent with this order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service filed by Partner Communications Cooperative on July 16, 2008, is granted.

2. A certificate of franchise authority, identified as Certificate No. VC-0004, is issued to Partner Communications Cooperative concurrently with this order.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

**CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY  
PURSUANT TO 199 IAC 44**

**Certificate of Franchise Authority Number: VC-0004**

This certificate grants the named cable or video service provider the following authority:

- ❖ To provide cable or video service in the service area designated below; and
- ❖ To use and occupy the public right-of-way in the delivery of cable or video service, subject to the laws of the State of Iowa, including the police powers of the municipalities in which the service is delivered.

The grant of authority provided by this certificate is subject to the lawful operation of the cable or video service by the named cable or video service provider or its successor.

The franchise is for a term of ten years beginning on the effective date shown below, is renewable under the terms of Iowa Code chapter 477A, and is nonexclusive.

***Cable/Video Service Provider:***

Partner Communications Cooperative  
101 East Church Street  
Gilman, IA 50106-0008

***Type of Service to be Provided:***

- Cable
- Video
- Cable and Video

***Description of Service Area:***

All incorporated and unincorporated areas in the following local telephone exchange service areas, each as defined by exchange boundary maps on file with the Iowa Utilities Board: Baxter exchange; Gilman exchange; Kellogg exchange; Melbourne exchange; Rhodes exchange; and State Center exchange. The service area excludes the corporate limits of the following municipalities: Gilman, Laurel, Oakland Acres/Rock Creek Lake, Rhodes, and State Center, Iowa.

*Issued by:*

**IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

Effective on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

