

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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<p>IN RE:</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION AND SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-08-14 (C-07-246, C-07-251, C-07-252, C-07-254, C-07-256, C-07-257, C-07-265, C-07-266, C-07-270, C-07-271, C-07-272)</p>
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**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUIRING FILINGS**

(Issued September 18, 2008)

On September 8, 2008, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing this case for a formal proceeding and assigning it to the undersigned administrative law judge. A prehearing conference is needed to discuss the factual and legal issues to be decided and the procedural schedule and hearing date for the case. The parties or their representatives may choose to participate in the prehearing conference by telephone by dialing 1-866-685-1580, and entering conference code number 2816326 followed by the pound key at the time set for the prehearing conference. However, at least one representative from each of the following parties must appear at the prehearing conference in person: Qwest Corporation (Qwest), South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope), and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate). The prehearing conference will be recorded by a certified court reporter.

At this time, the parties to this proceeding are Qwest, South Slope, the Consumer Advocate, and Mr. Aaron Smith, the customer who requested a formal proceeding. The Board's Records and Information Center has added Mr. Smith to the service list for the docket and the other parties must add him to their service lists. If Mr. Smith does not wish to be a party to this case, he should notify the Board by sending a letter to the Executive Secretary, Iowa Utilities Board, 350 Maple St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0069. It would be very helpful if the Board received the letter no later than October 14, 2008.

Courtesy copies of the Board's order docketing the case and this order will be sent to each of the customers who filed informal complaints with the Board, but who did not request a formal proceeding. Those persons are: Mr. Lonnie and Ms. Nancy Blackwell, Mr. John L. Burianek, Ms. Dorothy Fiet, Ms. Gloria Frost, Mr. Daryl Grecian, Ms. Marie Johnston, Ms. Nancy Kotar, Mr. Dan Moffatt, Ms. Lorraine Rodish, and Ms. Janice and Mr. Marvin Smith. These customers are NOT currently parties to this case. If any customer wishes to become a party to the case, the customer must notify the Board by sending a letter to the Executive Secretary of the Board at the above address. This should be done as soon as possible, and must be done no later than October 14, 2008. If the customer does not notify the Board, the customer will not receive future Board orders in the case and will not be a party to the case.

There have been several prior Board proceedings and orders that relate to the subject matter of this proceeding. Therefore, South Slope and Qwest must each file a list of the prior Board dockets and orders that it asserts apply to the subject matter of this proceeding by the dates set forth below. In addition, South Slope and Qwest must each file a list of the statutes and rules it asserts apply to the case, and a preliminary list of the issues it asserts must be decided. The list of issues should not include argument, but should merely provide a short sentence or two that describes the issue.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. A prehearing conference will be held in this docket on Thursday, October 16, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Board Conference Room 3, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.
2. If Mr. Aaron Smith does not wish to be a party to this case, he should notify the Board as discussed in the body of this order on or before October 14, 2008.
3. If any customer listed in the body of this order wishes to become a party to this case, the customer must notify the Board as discussed in the body of this order on or before October 14, 2008.
4. On or before October 2, 2008, South Slope must file a list of the prior Board dockets and orders it asserts relate to the subject matter of this proceeding, a list of the statutes and rules it asserts apply to the case, and a list of the issues it asserts must be decided in this proceeding.

5. On or before October 9, 2008, Qwest must file a list of the prior Board dockets and orders it asserts relate to the subject matter of this proceeding, a list of the statutes and rules it asserts apply to the case, and a list of the issues it asserts must be decided in this proceeding.

6. If it chooses to file such lists, the Consumer Advocate must file them by October 9, 2008.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
Amy L. Christensen  
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.