

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 GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND SETTING NEW DEADLINES**

(Issued September 24, 2008)

On September 18, 2008, the undersigned administrative law judge issued an "Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filings" (September 18<sup>th</sup> order) in this docket. On September 24, 2008, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) filed a "Motion for Extension of Time" with the Utilities Board (Board). South Slope states that its new attorney received the case on September 18, 2008, and needs sufficient time to review the voluminous documents involved in this proceeding. South Slope also states that counsel for Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) do not oppose granting of the motion so long as corresponding extensions are granted for their deadlines. South Slope requests an extension of the deadline for its initial filing from October 2 to October 17, 2008.

South Slope did not state whether it contacted Mr. Aaron Smith to see if he had any objection to the motion. South Slope is reminded that Mr. Smith is a party to this case because he is the customer who requested a formal proceeding, at least until he notifies the Board that he does not wish to be a party. South Slope should have contacted Mr. Smith and stated in the motion whether he had any objection to the motion.

Nonetheless, the motion is reasonable and will be granted. Ordinarily, the undersigned would not grant the motion without hearing from Mr. Smith. However, there is not time to require this, since South Slope's initial filing is due October 2. Therefore, the schedule set forth in the September 18<sup>th</sup> order will be modified as set forth below.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. A prehearing conference will be held in this docket on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Board Conference Room 3, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. 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.

2. If Mr. Aaron Smith does not wish to be a party to this case, he should notify the Board as discussed in the September 18<sup>th</sup> order on or before October 29, 2008.

3. If any customer listed in the body of the September 18<sup>th</sup> order wishes to become a party to this case, the customer must notify the Board as discussed in the September 18<sup>th</sup> order on or before October 29, 2008.

4. On or before October 17, 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 24, 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 24, 2008.

7. Unless specifically modified by this order, all provisions of the September 18<sup>th</sup> order remain in effect.

8. A courtesy copy of this order will be sent to each of the customers listed  
in the September 18<sup>th</sup> order.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.