

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>BTC INC., d/b/a WESTERN IOWA NETWORKS AND PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align:center">Respondents.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-08-11</p>
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued October 1, 2008)

On May 29, 2008, 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"), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a complaint pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 476.1, 476.2, 476.3, 476.5, 476.11, 476.29, and 476.101(1), and 199 IAC chapters 6 and 7 alleging violations of the terms, conditions, and application of the intrastate tariffs of BTC Inc., d/b/a Western

Iowa Networks (Western Iowa), OmniTel Communications, Inc. (OmniTel), and Premier Communications, Inc. (Premier) (collectively "Respondents").

In support of its complaint, Verizon claims that the Respondents are engaging in a fraudulent practice by creating a scheme that involves free conference calls, chat rooms, adult content calling, podcasts, voicemail, and international calling services. Verizon asserts that the Respondents are charging Verizon and other interexchange carriers excessive rates for the routing and termination of calls to companies that advertise these free services and then providing kickbacks of a portion of the terminating access revenues to these free calling service companies.

On August 29, 2008, the Board issued an order conditionally approving the dismissal of respondent OmniTel from this proceeding. Also as part of that order, the Board granted a joint motion for an extension of time for Respondents to file a response to Verizon's complaint. Pursuant to the August 29 order, the Respondents were permitted to file a response to Verizon's complaint on or before September 16, 2008.

On September 16, 2008, Verizon and the Respondents filed a joint motion for an extension of time. In support of their motion, the parties ask for an extension until October 7, 2008, so that the parties can continue to explore settlement possibilities.

The Board has reviewed the Parties' request and finds that it is reasonable. The joint motion for extension of time will be granted and the Respondents will be allowed to file a response to Verizon's complaint on or before October 7, 2008.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint motion for extension of time filed by MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, and MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, BTC Inc., d/b/a Western Iowa Networks, OmniTel Communications, Inc., and Premier Communications, Inc., on September 16, 2008, is granted as described in 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 1st day of October, 2008.