

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND	DOCKET NO. NOI-08-2
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued October 7, 2008)

On October 1, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for an extension of time to file answers and comments in this proceeding. Pursuant to the Board order issued September 12, 2008, which initiated this inquiry, the Board requested comments from interested persons on or before October 13, 2008. In support of its request for additional time, Qwest states that its principal witness in this proceeding has conflicting responsibilities that interfere with his ability to file complete comments by October 13. Therefore, Qwest asks the Board for an extension of time until October 27, 2008, to file comments in this proceeding.

Qwest also states that it has contacted the counsel of other parties, including Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) regarding the extension. Qwest asserts that neither Iowa Telecom nor Consumer Advocate oppose Qwest's motion, but that they request a similar grant of additional

time if the Board grants Qwest's motion. Therefore, Qwest states that it supports an identical adjustment of the current procedural schedule for all parties.

The Board has reviewed Qwest's motion and finds that it is reasonable. Qwest's motion for an extension of time will be granted and all interested persons may file answers to the questions found in the Board's September 12, 2008, order in this proceeding, comments on the report attached to the September 12 order, and any other relevant information they wish to offer, on or before October 27, 2008. Comments should be filed pursuant to the Board's regular filing rules; in addition, comments should be e-mailed to john.ridgway@iub.state.ia.us for e-mail distribution to other commentors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion for extension of time filed by Qwest Corporation on October 1, 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 7th day of October, 2008.