

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MARTELLE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, d/b/a MARTELLE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	DOCKET NOS. TCU-08-12 TF-08-146
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE
IN MAPS, APPROVING TARIFF, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE**

(Issued October 9, 2008)

On September 9, 2008, Martelle Cooperative Telephone Association, d/b/a Martelle Communications Coop (Martelle), filed an application with the Utilities Board (Board) for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29, stating its intention to provide local exchange service in Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-08-12. Martelle has provided financial statements and the qualifications of its company officers and has stated it will support a 2-PIC dialing methodology for dialing parity. No objections to the application were received.

Also on September 9, 2008, Martelle filed a proposed local exchange tariff with the Board providing the terms and conditions for local exchange service in listed exchanges as described in the exchange maps and boundaries of the incumbent local exchange carriers in those exchanges. The proposed tariff has been identified as TF-08-146.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest."

The Board has reviewed Martelle's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. Martelle has also filed a statement indicating that it commits to utilizing thousand-block number pooling (TBNP), even in areas where TBNP is voluntary, to the extent it is technically feasible to do so.

Martelle states that its service area will mirror the exchanges and service area maps of Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), and Olin Telephone Company (Olin). Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which landline local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Martelle has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the exchange maps of Qwest, Iowa Telecom, and Olin.

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff filed on September 9, 2008, and finds that it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. Notice was provided to all affected carriers. The Board will approve the

tariff effective the date of this order and issue Martelle a certificate of public convenience and necessity concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Martelle Cooperative Telephone Association, d/b/a Martelle Communications Coop, on September 9, 2008, is granted.

2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, and Olin Telephone Company is approved.

3. The tariff filed by Martelle Cooperative Telephone Association, d/b/a Martelle Communications Coop, on September 9, 2008, identified as TF-08-146, is approved effective the date of this order.

4. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0329, is being issued to Martelle Cooperative Telephone Association, d/b/a Martelle Communications Coop, 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 9th day of October, 2008.