

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
L.P.,

Complainant,

vs.

DANVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY; DIXON TELEPHONE
COMPANY; READLYN TELEPHONE
COMPANY; VAN HORNE
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE
COMPANY; WELLMAN COOPERATIVE
TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION; MTC
TECHNOLOGIES; NORTHERN IOWA
TELEPHONE COMPANY; WEBB-
DICKENS TELEPHONE CORPORATION;
MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY;
CENTRAL UTAH COMMUNICATIONS,
d/b/a WRLD ALLIANCE; AND ZONE
TELECOM, INC.,

Respondents.

DOCKET NO. FCU-07-11

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO
SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND CANCEL HEARING**

(Issued October 16, 2008)

On October 14, 2008, the Complainant, Sprint Communications Company L.P.
(Sprint) and Respondents Danville Mutual Telephone Company, Dixon Telephone
Company, Readlyn Telephone Company, Van Horne Cooperative Telephone

Company, Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association, MTC Technologies, Northern Iowa Telephone Company, Webb-Dickens Telephone Corporation, and Mutual Telephone Company (collectively the "LEC Respondents") filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint motion to suspend the procedural schedule established in this case and to cancel the hearing in this proceeding, which is scheduled to begin on October 21, 2008. In support of their joint motion, Sprint and the LEC Respondents state that they have reached an agreement in principle for the resolution of Sprint's complaint against these respondents, which forms the basis of this docket. The parties request additional time to memorialize their agreement in a definitive settlement agreement and therefore request a suspension of this matter, including canceling the hearing in this proceeding, until further order by the Board.

Sprint and the LEC Respondents assert that they will provide a status update or a motion for further action of the Board within 30 days of the date of this joint motion. In addition, the parties state that Respondent Central Utah Communications, d/b/a WRLD Alliance, does not resist the Board's granting of this motion and that the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice is supportive of the motion.

The Board has reviewed the joint motion filed by Sprint and the LEC Respondents and finds that it is reasonable. The Board will suspend the procedural schedule in this action and cancel the hearing that is scheduled to begin on October 21, 2008, so as to allow the parties time to memorialize a definitive

settlement agreement. The Board notes that any proposed settlement should comply with the Board's rules regarding settlements as provided in 199 IAC 7.18.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint motion for suspension of the procedural schedule filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P., Danville Mutual Telephone Company, Dixon Telephone Company, Readlyn Telephone Company, Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Company, Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association, MTC Technologies, Northern Iowa Telephone Company, Webb-Dickens Telephone Corporation, and Mutual Telephone Company on October 14, 2008, is granted.

2. The procedural schedule established in this proceeding is suspended until further action of the Board and the hearing scheduled to begin on October 21, 2008, is cancelled.

3. The parties to this action are directed to file a status report or motion for further action of the Board within 30 days of the date of 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 16th day of October, 2008.