

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION,

Complainant,

vs.

SUPERIOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE;
THE FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
RICEVILLE, IOWA; THE FARMERS &
MERCHANTS MUTUAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY OF WAYLAND, IOWA;
INTERSTATE 35 TELEPHONE COMPANY,
d/b/a INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY; DIXON TELEPHONE COMPANY;
REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC;
GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP.;
AND AVENTURE COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGY, LLC,

Respondents;

DOCKET NO. FCU-07-2

REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC,

Counterclaimant,

vs.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION AND QWEST
CORPORATION,

Counterclaim Respondents.

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT,
SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSE, AND DENYING
REQUEST FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

(Issued November 20, 2008)

On November 12, 2008, Great Lakes Communications Corp. and Superior Telephone Cooperative (collectively "Respondents") filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion to exclude evidence in this proceeding on the grounds that it is irrelevant, prejudicial, and outside of the Board's jurisdiction. The Respondents assert that Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) has attempted to enter evidence in this case on matters that have no probative value to QCC's claims, are outside of the Board's jurisdiction, and are irrelevant to the question of whether terminating access charges have been properly invoiced by the local exchange carrier (LEC) respondents.

On November 13, 2008, the Respondents filed a motion for expedited consideration of its November 12, 2008, motion. The Respondents ask that the Board adopt a briefing schedule to allow the parties to present their arguments and ask that the time for QCC to respond to their motion be shortened from November 25, 2008, to November 19, 2008.

The Board recognizes the parties' desire to have this motion ruled on prior to the start of the hearing in this proceeding on December 8, 2008. Therefore, the Board will deny the Respondents' request for a briefing schedule, but will shorten the time for QCC to respond to the Respondents' motion to November 21, 2008. The Board will make an expedited ruling on the Respondents' motion upon the Board's receipt of QCC's response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motion for expedited consideration filed by Great Lakes Communications Corp. and Superior Telephone Cooperative on November 13, 2008, is granted.
2. Qwest Communications Corporation may file a response to the motion to exclude evidence filed on November 12, 2008, by Great Lakes Communications Corp. and Superior Telephone Cooperative on or before November 21, 2008.
3. The request for briefing schedule filed by Great Lakes Communications Corp. and Superior Telephone Cooperative on November 13, 2008, is denied.

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 20th day of November, 2008.