

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TCU-08-2
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**ORDER APPROVING WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVED  
APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE AND CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued November 24, 2008)

On February 26, 2008, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity, identified as Certificate No. 0120, to overbuild and serve the Swisher, Iowa, exchange currently served by Swisher Telephone Company of Swisher (Swisher). The Board approved South Slope's application on April 23, 2008, stating that an amended certificate would be issued to South Slope upon approval of an amended tariff and exchange boundary map reflecting the addition of the Swisher, Iowa, exchange to South Slope's service territory. South Slope has not filed an updated tariff or map and its certificate has not yet been amended.

On November 6, 2008, South Slope filed a withdrawal of its approved application to amend its certificate. South Slope states that it has acquired all of the issued and outstanding equity of Swisher, but that Swisher will continue to exist as a separate legal entity and will operate under Swisher's existing certificate.

The Board has reviewed South Slope's request and finds that it is reasonable. The Board will approve the withdrawal of South Slope's approved application to amend its certificate and will close this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request to withdraw its approved application to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company on November 6, 2008, is approved. This docket, identified as Docket No. TCU-08-2, is closed.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.