

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  HOSPERS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC., d/b/a HTC COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NOS. TCU-08-11 TF-08-148 WRU-08-33-0393
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE,  
CONCURRENCE IN MAPS, APPROVING TARIFF,  
AND DENYING REQUEST FOR WAIVER AS UNNECESSARY**

(Issued December 4, 2008)

On September 4, 2008, Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc., d/b/a HTC Communications (HTC), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity to allow it to provide competitive local exchange service in the exchanges currently being served by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), Citizens Telecom of Iowa, d/b/a Frontier Communications of Iowa (Frontier), and Heartland Telecom Company, d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech). HTC states that it will adopt the incumbent local exchange carrier's exchange boundary maps currently on file with the Board for each of the exchanges. In addition, HTC has provided a statement indicating that it intends to participate in number pooling and will obtain numbering resources via donated 1,000 blocks rather than through the assignment of a new block of 10,000 numbers (often referred to as an NXX). HTC also states that it will offer 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity and will maintain its records in accordance with the uniform system of accounts.

On September 11, 2008, HTC filed revised tariff pages to include the exchanges currently being served by Qwest, Iowa Telecom, Frontier, and HickoryTech. The filing has been identified as TF-08-148.

The Board will approve HTC's proposed tariff revision and amend its certificate to include the identified exchanges. The Board is issuing an amended certificate reflecting the expanded service territory concurrent with this order; the amended certificate indicates HTC is authorized to serve the exchanges identified in its maps and tariffs, so any future expansion of HTC's service territory will not require an amendment to its certificate.

Also on September 4, 2008, HTC filed a request for waiver of the requirements of Board rule 22.3(1), regarding the publication of directories. The waiver request has been identified as Docket No. WRU-08-33-0393. Board rule 22.3(1) was amended in 2006 to allow local exchange carriers to choose not to publish a directory if arrangements are made for publication in a commonly available publication. HTC states that it will make arrangements with the incumbent local exchange carriers for the publication of HTC's customers in the incumbents' directories. HTC's statement appears to be in substantial compliance with the Board's rules so a waiver of subrule 22.3(1) is not necessary.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request of Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc., d/b/a HTC Communications (HTC), to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity to reflect the addition of certain exchanges currently served by Qwest Corporation, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Citizens Telecom of

Iowa, d/b/a Frontier Communications of Iowa, and Heartland Telecom Company, d/b/a HickoryTech is granted. HTC will serve those exchanges as a competitive telecommunications service provider.

2. An amendment to Certificate No. 0066 is being issued concurrently with this order. Under the amended certificate, Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc., d/b/a HTC Communications, will be allowed to provide service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

3. The concurrence by Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc., d/b/a HTC Communications, in the maps and boundaries of the incumbent local exchange carriers in the listed exchanges is approved.

4. The proposed tariff revision, identified as TF-04-544, filed by Hospers Telephone Exchange, Inc., d/b/a HTC Communications, on September 11, 2008, is approved.

5. The request for waiver of 199 IAC 22.3(1), identified as Docket No. WRU-08-33-0393, is denied because it is moot.

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/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer  
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.