

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION  
SERVICES LLC, d/b/a VERIZON  
ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES,  
AND MCI COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES, INC., d/b/a VERIZON  
BUSINESS SERVICES,

Complainants,

vs.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM;  
IOWA TELECOM NORTH; IOWA  
TELECOM SYSTEMS; IOWA TELECOM  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; IT  
COMMUNICATIONS LLC; AND  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF  
IOWA, INC.,

Respondents.

DOCKET NO. FCU-08-6

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DEFER PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
AND AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued December 5, 2008)

On November 14, 2008, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Order Docketing Complaint, Establishing Procedural Schedule, and Denying Motions to Dismiss" in this proceeding which involves a complaint filed on February 20, 2008, by MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC, d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, and MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services

(collectively, Verizon). Verizon asks the Board to reduce the intrastate switched access rates charged by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Iowa Telecom North, Iowa Telecom Systems, Iowa Telecom Communications, Inc., and IT Communications, LLC (collectively, Iowa Telecom), and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier). Pursuant to the November 14, 2008, order, Verizon's prepared direct testimony is due on December 15, 2008.

On November 26, 2008, Frontier filed a "Motion to Defer Procedural Schedule." In support of its request, Frontier states that the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proceeding addressing universal service and intercarrier compensation issues is scheduled for consideration at the FCC's December 18, 2008, meeting, just three days after Verizon's testimony in the proceeding before the Board is due. Frontier asserts that any action taken by the FCC regarding intercarrier compensation may have a material impact on this proceeding and therefore requests that the procedural schedule be deferred for at least 30 days, with Verizon's initial testimony submitted after the middle of January 2009. Frontier states it is authorized to represent to the Board that Iowa Telecom concurs in the motion and Verizon does not resist the motion.

The Board has reviewed Frontier's request and finds that it is reasonable. It appears the FCC has extended the comment schedule in its proceeding<sup>1</sup> and is unlikely to consider the matter at its December 18, 2008, meeting, but because all parties to this docket agree to the requested delay, the Board will grant the motion to

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<sup>1</sup> See In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, et al., FCC WC Docket No. 05-337, et al., "Order," released December 2, 2008.

defer and will amend the procedural schedule accordingly. However, the Board will be reluctant to further delay this proceeding based on possible action by the FCC.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The motion to defer the procedural schedule in this proceeding filed by Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc., on November 26, 2008, is granted as described in this order.

2. The procedural schedule in this docket is amended to reflect the following changes:

a. Verizon and any intervenors aligned with Verizon shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before January 26, 2009.

b. Iowa Telecom and Frontier and any intervenors aligned with Iowa Telecom and Frontier shall file rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before February 23, 2009.

c. Verizon and any intervenors aligned with Verizon shall file reply testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before March 23, 2009.

d. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009 in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to

observe or participate should contact the Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made. The parties are advised that the Board has reserved five days for the hearing in this matter.

e. Any party desiring to file a post-hearing brief may do so on or before May 29, 2009.

f. Any party desiring to file a post-hearing reply brief may do so on or before June 12, 2009.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.