

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: METRO FIBERNET, LLC	DOCKET NO. TCU-2015-0004
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ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE

(Issued May 4, 2015)

On March 4, 2015, Metro FiberNet, LLC (Metro), filed an application with the Utilities Board (Board) for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 stating its intention to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services throughout Iowa. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-2015-0004. Supplements to the application were filed on March 17 and April 20, 2015. Metro has provided financial statements and the qualifications of its company officers and has stated it will support a 2-PIC dialing methodology for dialing parity.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant “possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the Board finds the service is consistent with the public interest.”

The Board has reviewed the application as supplemented and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange

service has been demonstrated. Metro also filed a statement indicating that it will commit to utilizing thousands-block number pooling (TBNP), even in areas where TBNP is voluntary, to the extent it is technically feasible to do so.

Metro seeks authority to provide competitive local exchange service throughout Iowa, but will initially be providing service in the Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink), exchanges of Bettendorf, Davenport, and Iowa City, Iowa. Metro states that it will adopt CenturyLink's exchange boundary maps for these exchanges as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future.

Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which landline local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing the requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board that show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Metro has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in CenturyLink's exchange maps for the Bettendorf, Davenport, and Iowa City exchanges. If Metro expands its service offerings into additional exchanges, Metro shall follow the Board's rules regarding certificate modifications found in 199 IAC 22.20(4).

Notice was provided to all affected carriers in the intended service territories that are entitled to notice pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(2) and no objections were

received. Therefore, the Board will approve Metro's application and issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Metro concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Metro FiberNet, LLC, identified as Docket No. TCU-2015-0004, is granted.
2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the Qwest Communications, d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Bettendorf, Davenport, and Iowa City, Iowa, exchanges is approved.
3. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0375, is being issued to Metro FiberNet, LLC, concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of May 2015.