

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY OF CEDAR FALLS	DOCKET NO. TCU-2015-0009
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ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE

(Issued November 2, 2015)

On September 14, 2015, the Municipal Communications Utility of Cedar Falls (Cedar Falls), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 stating its intention to provide resold local exchange services in the Cedar Falls, Iowa, exchange. The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-2015-0009. A supplement to the application was filed on September 17, 2015. Cedar Falls 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. Cedar Falls has 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.

Cedar Falls seeks authority to provide competitive local exchange service in the Cedar Falls, Iowa, exchange currently served by incumbent local exchange carrier Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). Cedar Falls states that it will adopt CenturyLink's exchange boundary maps for the Cedar Falls, Iowa, exchange 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 Cedar Falls has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in CenturyLink's exchange maps for the Cedar Falls, Iowa, exchange. If Cedar Falls expands its service offerings into additional exchanges, it 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 Cedar Falls' application and issue a

certificate of public convenience and necessity to Cedar Falls concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Municipal Communications Utility of Cedar Falls, identified as Docket No. TCU-2105-0009, is granted.

2. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the Qwest Communications, d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Cedar Falls, Iowa, exchange is approved.

3. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0381, is being issued to Municipal Communications Utility of Cedar Falls concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of November 2015.