

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
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QWEST CORPORATION)
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For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

FILED/ACCEPTED

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), through undersigned counsel, hereby files this application to discontinue services pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules. 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214. Qwest is seeking to discontinue retail and wholesale provision of local service, associated features and packages, and switched access services in a portion of its Ankeny, Iowa exchange. Specifically Qwest seeks to discontinue serving the W1/2SW1/4 Section 5; that portion of the S1/2 Section 6 lying east of Interstate 35; that portion of the N1/2N1/2N1/2 Section 7 lying east of Interstate 35; and the N1/2NW1/4NW1/4 Section 8; all in Township 80N, Range 23W. Iowa Telecom Services (or "Iowa Telecom") will become the incumbent in this area.

The Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Board ("IUB"), in Order No. TF-07-165, issued October 15, 2007, approved an exchange boundary change requested by Qwest Corporation and Iowa Telecom. Based on this change, a portion of Qwest's Ankeny, Iowa exchange will be transferred to the Iowa Telecom Elkhart exchange. Qwest and Iowa Telecom have agreed that the existing Qwest customers in the Ankeny, Iowa, exchange will be

grandfathered such that they may select Iowa Telecom as their provider, choose an alternate provider, or continue to receive service from Qwest until such time that they disconnect service.

Qwest submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

Qwest Corporation
1801 California
Denver, CO 80202

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

Qwest plans to discontinue service on February 15, 2008, or as soon thereafter as Qwest receives all necessary regulatory approvals. Current Qwest customers will be grandfathered as described above.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

Qwest seeks authority to discontinue the provision of local services in a portion of its Ankeny, Iowa exchange.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

Qwest will cease offering retail and wholesale provision of local service, associated features and packages, interconnection, and switched access services. Iowa Telecom Services will now be the incumbent local exchange carrier.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Qwest notified its retail and wholesale local service customers by letter. A copy of the letter sent by postal mail to retail customers on November 5, 2007 is attached as Exhibit A.

A copy of the letter to wholesale customers is attached as Exhibit B. On November 15, 2007, Qwest sent the letter via its normal process for sending notification to wholesale customers. This process is used by Qwest's wholesale group to communicate official

notification to its wholesale customers on a variety of subjects, including product promotions, deployment of new products, modifications and price changes to existing products, cancellation or retirement of existing products, and operational issues. When wholesale customers sign interconnection agreements with Qwest, the customers provide their e-mail address, and are made aware that notices are via email, and are made aware of the subscription tool described below. As a result, the wholesale customers expect to receive product discontinuance notices via this process.

Qwest's process allows each wholesale customer to designate multiple contacts to receive notices. Qwest has an online subscription tool through which customers can submit names and contact information for individuals to receive notices. The tool is found at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/cnla/maillist.html>. Customers can also submit names and contact information for individuals to receive notices through their Service Manager or Sales Manager or via postal mail. If a particular customer contact person states a preference to receive postal mail, then Qwest provides notice to that contact by postal mail. Similarly, if Qwest does not have an e-mail address for a contact person, then Qwest assumes that the individual would prefer to receive postal mail, and sends that individual postal mail. When Qwest has information that it wishes to communicate to its wholesale customers, it send the notification to the individuals designated as recipients by each wholesale customer according to the information regarding mail preferences in its database. Qwest has used this process for over seven years, and has found it to be the most effective and efficient method of communicating with its wholesale customers. Thus, the method of providing notice to wholesale customers was both postal mail and e-mail.

6. **Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued**

Qwest is a dominant carrier in Iowa.

7. **Service**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Qwest has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor of Iowa and the IUB, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted.

QWEST CORPORATION

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November 16, 2007

EXHIBIT A



November 2, 2007

**Important Information
about Your Qwest Service**

[NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY ST ZIP]

Dear [NAME]

Our goal at Qwest is provide you with products that meet your communications needs and to share information regarding changes or events that may impact your service.

Earlier this year, Qwest notified you regarding a proposed transfer of a portion of the Ankeny exchange to Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., (Iowa Telecom). The Iowa Utilities Board approved this transfer on October 15, 2007, and a petition will be filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for final approval. Beginning on February 15, 2008, or as soon thereafter as the FCC grants regulatory approval, Iowa Telecom will be designated as the local service provider for your address. At that time, if you desire, you may obtain your local telephone service from Iowa Telecom via the Elkhart exchange. Alternatively, you may retain your Qwest service via the Ankeny exchange after February 15, 2008 until such time that you decide to disconnect your service. However, once you disconnect your service, any new party ordering service at your current address will not be able to purchase local service from Qwest.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the Sec. 63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Paul Rumbaugh at 605-323-4132, or write us at the following address:

Qwest Corporation
1801 California Street Room 430
Denver, CO 80202

I understand that you have a choice of communications providers, and I appreciate that you have chosen Qwest.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Kim Whitehead
Vice President, Marketing

EXHIBIT B



November 15, 2007

Dave Yerigan
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 Urbandale, IA 50322
 dave.yerigan@iwireless.com

TO: Dave Yerigan

Announcement Date:	November 15, 2007
Effective Date:	February 15, 2008 (approximately)
Document Number:	GNRL.11.15.07.B.002942.Trans_Exch_Qwest_IowaTel
Notification Category:	General Notifications
Target Audience:	CLECs, Wireless & IXCs- Iowa
Subject:	Transfer of a portion of the Ankeny and Elkhart Exchanges Between Qwest Communications and Iowa Telecom

The Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Board (IUB), in Order Nos. TF-07-165 & TF-07-166 issued October 15, 2007; approved an exchange boundary change requested by Qwest Corporation and Iowa Telecom. Based on this change, a portion of the Qwest Ankeny, IA exchange will be transferred to the Iowa Telecom Elkhart exchange, and a portion of the Iowa Telecom Elkhart exchange will be transferred to the Qwest Ankeny exchange. The areas to be transferred are described as follows:

The portion of the Qwest Ankeny, IA, exchange to be transferred to the Iowa Telecom Elkhart exchange: The W1/2SW1/4 Section 5; that portion of the S1/2 Section 6 lying east of Interstate 35; that portion of the N1/2N1/2N1/2 Section 7 lying east of Interstate 35; and the N1/2NW1/4NW1/4 Section 8; all in Township 80N, Range 23W.

The portion of the Iowa Telecom, Elkhart, IA, exchange to be transferred to the Qwest Ankeny exchange: That portion of the N1/2 Section 6 lying west of Interstate 35; all in Township 80N, Range 23W.

Now that the IUB has approved the transfer, a petition will be filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for final approval. Beginning on February 15, 2008, or as soon thereafter as the FCC grants regulatory approval, Qwest will discontinue services in the area to be transferred to Iowa Telecom. Qwest and Iowa Telecom have agreed that the existing Qwest customers in the Ankeny, Iowa, exchange may select Iowa Telecom as their provider, chose an alternate provider, or continue to receive service from Qwest until such time that they disconnect service.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20054, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include

specific information about the *impact of this proposed upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.*

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this notice please contact your Qwest Service Manager, Brenda Egbert on (801) 239-4384. Qwest appreciates your business and we look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

Qwest Corporation

If you would like to unsubscribe to mailouts please go to the "Subscribe/Unsubscribe" web site and follow the unsubscribe instructions. The site is located at:

<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/cn1a/maillist.html>

cc: Sandy Renne
Brenda Egbert

Qwest Communications 1600 7th Ave Room 1806 Seattle WA 98008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joan O'Donnell, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be 1) filed with the Secretary of the FCC via courier (original and four copies plus one for stamp and return), 2) served, via U.S. Mail on the Governor of Iowa, 3) served, via U.S. Mail, on the Iowa Utilities Board, and 4) served via U.S. Mail on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



Joan O'Donnell

November 16, 2007

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Iowa Utilities Board
John Norris
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Secretary of Defense
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