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Transmittal No. 39
(Filing Fee Enclosed)

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Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 39

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom ("Iowa Telecom"), and bearing F.C.C. No. 1, is sent to you in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing, to become effective September 10, 2003, on 7 days' notice under the Commission's streamlined tariff procedures, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

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The purpose of Transmittal No. 39 is to reduce Iowa Telecom's average traffic sensitive ("ATS") target rate to 1.2015 cents per minute. As required by the Commission's rules and November 25, 2002 *Forbearance Order*,¹ Iowa Telecom is

¹ Petition for Forbearance of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from the Deadline for Price Cap Carriers to Elect

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submitting a revised forward-looking cost study dated September 3, 2003 (“September 3 Cost Study”) to support the 1.2015 cents per minute ATS target rate in this filing. The September 3 Cost Study is attached as Exhibit A to this filing. Because it includes proprietary and competitively sensitive information, Iowa Telecom is submitting the unredacted September 3 Cost Study as “not for public inspection.” Iowa Telecom requests confidential treatment of the unredacted September 3 Cost Study pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission’s rules and the Protective Order issued by the Commission in WC Docket No. 03-135.² Consistent with the Protective Order, Iowa is submitting a redacted version of the September 3 Cost Study that is suitable for public inspection.

This filing revises rates proposed in Transmittal Nos. 31 and 32. On March 25, 2003, Iowa Telecom filed Transmittal No. 31, which proposed an ATS target rate of 1.4876 cents per minute based on a March 25, 2003 forward-looking cost study. On April 8, 2003, the Commission suspended Transmittal No. 31 for one day and then allowed it to take effect subject to an investigation, which is ongoing.³ On April 10, 2003, Iowa Telecom filed Transmittal No. 32, which suspended for one day the effectiveness of tariff revisions filed under Transmittal No. 31 and corrected rates for DS1 Dedicated Trunk Ports submitted in Transmittal No. 31.

To obtain copies of the confidential materials, interested parties must execute the declaration attached to the Commission’s Protective Order and deliver it to Gregory J. Vogt, Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP, 1776 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C., 20006 (Phone: (202) 719-3240; Facsimile: (202) 719-7207).

This filing has been submitted electronically through the Commission’s Electronic Tariff Filing System (“ETFS”), in accordance with Section 61.13(b) of the Commission’s rules and regulations. 47 C.F.R. § 61.13(b) (2002). In addition, the

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Interstate Access Rates Based on the CALLS Order or a Forward Looking Cost Study, CC Docket No. 01-331, Order, FCC 02-323, 17 FCC Rcd 24319 (2002).

² Iowa Telecommunications Service, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 31, WC Docket No. 03-135, Protective Order, DA 03-1953, 18 FCC Rcd 11571 (rel. June 13, 2003).

³ Iowa Telecommunications Service, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 31, Order, DA 03-1103, 18 FCC Rcd 6495 (rel. Apr. 8, 2003).

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original of this transmittal letter is being filed today with the Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with the appropriate filing fee (\$695.00; fee type code "CQK") and Form 159, in accordance with Section 61.14 of the Commission's rules. *Id.* § 61.14.

All personal or facsimile correspondence and inquiries in connection with this publication should be addressed to Ms. Barbara Bouley, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, Iowa Telecom, 11 Eleventh Avenue, P.O. Box 330, Grinnell, IA 50112 (Phone: (641) 269-7577; Facsimile: (641) 269-7376). Additional copies should be directed to the undersigned counsel for Iowa Telecom at the facsimile number and address stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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