

February 13, 2004

Iowa State Legislature
Des Moines, IA

Re: Municipal Utility Owned Communications Systems

Dear Legislators:

We strongly support building a municipal telecom and related communications services in our community. The introduction of Spencer Municipal Utilities in our market place has provided for competition, better operating systems, and lower costs. Please do not do anything to reverse the possibility of having municipal utilities eliminated from the business of providing communication/telecom to individuals and businesses in their local communities. This would be a detriment to our business operations, and we feel these should continue to be offered.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Grell
Chairman

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