

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1379
of the TCG Omaha's petition for)
arbitration pursuant to Section)
252(b) of the Telecommunications) MODIFIED ORDER
Act of 1996 to establish an) GRANTED
interconnection agreement with)
US West.) Entered: April 14, 1997

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BY THE COMMISSION

On February 8, 1996, TCG Omaha (TCG) filed a request for negotiation of an interconnection agreement with US West Communications, Inc. (US West). Pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), TCG filed a petition for arbitration with the Commission on July 18, 1996. US West filed its response to the petition, pursuant to Section 252(b)(3) of the Act on August 12, 1996.

A hearing was held before an Arbitrator on October 14-16, 1996. The Arbitrator's decision was rendered on November 1, 1996 and was subsequently amended on November 8, 1996. Consistent with the Arbitrator's recommended decision, TCG and US West filed an interconnection agreement with the Arbitrator.

The Arbitrator submitted the parties' interconnection agreement to the Commission for approval on February 3, 1997. A hearing was held on the interconnection agreement in the Commission Hearing Room on February 21, 1997, with Commissioner Rod Johnson chairing the proceeding.

On March 4, 1997, the Commission approved in part and rejected in part the Arbitrator's Recommended Decision. Furthermore, it was ordered that the interconnection agreement containing the terms and conditions as set forth in the Order be filed with the Commission for approval within (30) days.

To date, the parties have been unable to complete the interconnection agreement as requested. However, in accordance with the March 4, 1997 Order, TCG and US West have agreed to reconvene Arbitration proceedings on May 2, 1997 in Omaha, Nebraska. We, therefore, extend the time period in which the parties shall file the final interconnection agreement for approval.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the schedule setting forth the date when the proposed interconnection agreement can be provided shall be filed with the Commission on or before May 5, 1997.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of April, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Anne C. Boyle

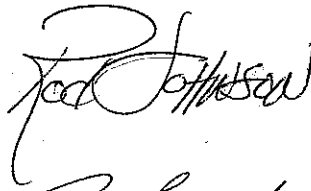
//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



ATTEST:



Executive Director