

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1409
of Western Wireless Corp. and)	
US West Communications, Inc.)	Amendment to
jointly requesting approval to)	Interconnection
amend their existing interconnec-)	Agreement Approved
tion agreement.)	
)	Entered: January 6, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 29, 1996, Western Wireless Corporation (Western) requested renegotiation of its existing interconnection agreement with US West Communications, Inc. (USW) (referred to jointly as "parties"). Pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act), Western filed a petition for arbitration with the Commission on September 6, 1996. USW filed responses to the request on October 1, 1996, and December 9, 1996. A hearing was held on the matter before the Arbitrator on December 20, 1996. The Arbitrator filed his decision with the Commission on January 31, 1997. The Commission entered an order denying in part and approving in part the Arbitrator's recommended decision. Pursuant to that order, the parties filed an interconnection agreement for the Commission's review. The Commission entered an order approving that agreement on April 8, 1997.

On September 24, 1997, USW and Western jointly requested to amend their existing interconnection agreement to lower certain nonrecurring trunk routing change charges.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires state commissions to approve all interconnection agreements. We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the interconnection agreement between USW and Western and find it to be reasonable. It should be approved with an effective date of October 6, 1997, pursuant to Commission policy.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective October 6, 1997, the interconnection agreement between US West Communications and Western Wireless Corporation is hereby amended as reflected on the two-page attachment that is made a part of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day
of January, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ann C. Boyle

Lowell Johnson
Chairman

Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

Robert B. Logsdon
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Lowell C. Johnson