

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Cox Nebraska Tele-) Application No. C-1473
com, Inc.'s Petition for Arbitra-)
tion Pursuant to Section 252(b) of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996) MOTION FOR REHEARING AND
to Establish an Interconnection) RECONSIDERATION DENIED
Agreement with U.S. West Communi-)
cations, Inc.) Entered: January 21, 1998

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On August 5, 1996, Cox Nebraska Telecom II, LLC (Cox) filed a request for negotiation of an interconnection agreement with US West Communications, Inc. (USW). Cox filed a petition for arbitration with the Commission on January 10, 1997. The parties proceeded with arbitration and the arbitrator rendered its decision on or about May 1, 1997. The Commission held a hearing on July 1, 1997, to decide whether to approve or reject the interconnection agreement set by the arbitrator. On July 15, 1997, the Commission entered an order approving in part and denying in part the proposed interconnection agreement. Pursuant to the Commission's July 15, 1997, order, a modified interconnection agreement was to be submitted on or before August 1, 1997, to become effective August 8, 1997.

On August 1, 1997, Cox and USW submitted separate interconnection agreements because the parties were unable to agree on the contents of Appendix A attached to the interconnection agreement. As a result, the Commission entered an order on August 5, 1997, granting the parties 30 days from August 8, 1997, to negotiate mutually acceptable interim wholesale discount rates for Appendix A. The parties notified the Commission on September 8, 1997, that they had been unable to reach agreement. Accordingly, the Commission held a hearing on October 1, 1997, to determine the appropriate interim wholesale discount rates for the parties' interconnection agreement.

The Commission issued its order modifying the interconnection agreement on November 18, 1997 (Modification). In that modification, we approved the majority of the Appendix A filed by USW, setting the following discount rates:

Service Groups	Discount Rates
1. Basic Exchange - Business, PBX, ISDN	14.60%
2. Toll	21.84%
3. Listings, cent. office features, info. services	25.96%
4. Basic Exchange - Residence	4.57%
5. Private Line, ACS	11.58%

On November 25, 1997, upon its own motion, the Commission entered a Reconsideration Order that changed the discount rate for residential service from 4.57% to 14.60%.

On December 31, 1997, USW filed a motion requesting reconsideration and rehearing of our November 25, 1997, Reconsideration Order for the reasons stated in that Order. On January 14, 1998, the Commission held a hearing on USW's motion. Appearances were as shown above. After hearing the arguments presented by counsel, we find no reason to change our Order. Accordingly, the motion should be denied.

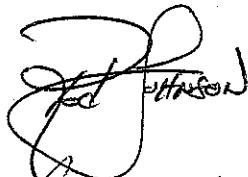
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Motion for Reconsideration and Rehearing filed by the US West Communications, Inc. be, and it is hereby, denied.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of January, 1998.

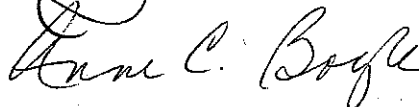
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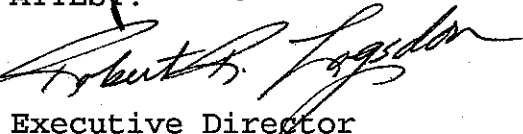
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Chairman

ATTEST:




Executive Director

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//s//Frank E. Landis