

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Aliant Cellular, ) Application No. C-1569  
Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska, )  
seeking authority to invoke Section )  
252(i) of the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996 to utilize the ) Interconnection  
Arbitrated Interconnection Agree- ) Agreement Approved  
ment between GTE and Western )  
Wireless to obtain interconnection )  
from GTE of the Midwest, Inc. ) Entered: July 8, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On June 24, 1997, Aliant Cellular, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application requesting authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) to utilize the arbitrated agreement between GTE and Western Wireless. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on June 26, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

Aliant Cellular is a wireless provider offering cellular telecommunications services within Nebraska. Section 252(i) of the Act allows any telecommunications company to adopt a Commission approved interconnection agreement. Aliant Cellular seeks to adopt the GTE/Western Wireless interconnection agreement that was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application C-1410. The agreement became effective June 4, 1997.

On May 28, 1997, the Commission added language to its mediation/arbitration policy (see Application No. C-1128 Progression Order No. 3) which sets forth the procedures to be followed for a Section 252(i) request. Aliant Cellular has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1569 is hereby approved and Aliant Cellular is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between GTE and Western Wireless.


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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aliant Cellular's adoption of the arbitrated agreement between GTE and Western Wireless became effective July 4, 1997.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of July, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director