

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1570
of Aliant Communications Co.)
and Aliant Cellular, Inc.,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Lincoln, seeking approval of) APPROVED
their voluntarily negotiated)
interconnection agreement.) Entered: July 28, 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 Communications Co. (Aliant) and Aliant Cellular, Inc. (Aliant Cellular) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on June 26, 1997. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and the Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on Aliant and Aliant Cellular's interconnection agreement. No protests were filed; therefore, this application will be processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Aliant and Aliant Cellular entered into an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act mandates this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the interconnection agreement filed June 24, 1997, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between Aliant and Aliant Cellular be, and it is hereby, approved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a final executed interconnection agreement be filed on or before August 8, 1997.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of July, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:





Chairman



ATTEST:

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


Executive Director