

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1579
of Aliant Communications Co.,)
Lincoln, Nebraska, and US West)
Communications, Inc., Denver,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Colorado, seeking approval of) APPROVED
their voluntarily negotiated)
reciprocal compensation agreement))
for Extended Area Service.) Entered: August 5, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On June 30, 1997, Aliant Communications Co. (Aliant) and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated reciprocal compensation agreement for Extended Area Service (EAS). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on July 2, 1997. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. filed comments on Aliant and US West'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 US West entered into an interconnection agreement through voluntary negotiations to provide reciprocal compensation for the exchange of local traffic between US West and Aliant's EAS areas. 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 negotiated interconnection agreement filed June 30, 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 US West for the exchange of EAS traffic be, and it is hereby, approved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the interconnection agreement filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official interconnection agreement of US West and Aliant for the exchange of EAS traffic. Any changes thereto must be approved by the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of August, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson

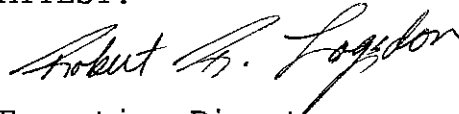
//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:



Executive Director