BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) of Firstel, Inc., Sioux Falls,) South Dakota, and US West Communi-) cations, Denver, Colorado, request-) ing approval to amend their exist-) ing interconnection agreement.)

) Application No. C-1586

Amendment to Interconnection Agreement Approved

Entered: January 6, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 1, 1997, Firstel, Inc. (Firstel) and US West Communications, Inc. (USW) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. The Commission approved the request on August 5, 1997.

On December 22, 1997, USW and Firstel jointly requested to amend their existing interconnection agreement to adopt certain nonrecurring customer transfer charges, establish applicable discount rates for the resale of telecommunications services, and define and restrict the types of services available for resale.

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 Firstel and find it to be reasonable. It should be approved with an effective date of January 2, 1998, pursuant to Commission policy.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective January 2, 1998, the interconnection agreement between US West Communications and Firstel, Inc. is hereby amended as reflected on the four-page attachment that is made a part of this order.

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

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Frank E. Landis 7s//Lowell C. Johnson $\mathbf{ATTEST}^{ackprime}$

Executive Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION