

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1592
of GTE Midwest Incorporated,)
Grinnell, Iowa, and Aliant Mid-) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
west, Inc., Lincoln, seeking) APPROVED
approval of their voluntarily)
negotiated interconnection)
agreement.) Entered: August 12, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 7, 1997, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Aliant Midwest, Inc. (Aliant) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on July 9, 1997. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and the Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on GTE and Aliant'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), GTE and Aliant 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 July 7, 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 GTE and Aliant be, and it is hereby, approved.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a final executed interconnection agreement containing original signatures be filed on or before August 22, 1997.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of August, 1997.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director