

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1601  
of United Telephone Company of )  
the West, Overland Park, Kansas, )  
and Aliant Cellular, Inc., ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking appro- ) APPROVED  
val of their voluntarily negoti- )  
ated interconnection agreement. ) Entered: September 9, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On August 4, 1997, United Telephone Company of the West (United) 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 August 6, 1997. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and the Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on United 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), United and Aliant Cellular entered into a commercial mobile radio services master network 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 August 4, 1997, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection

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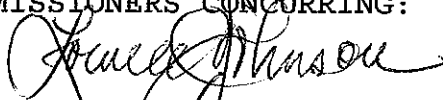
agreement between United Telephone Company of the West and Aliant Cellular, Inc. be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the final executed interconnection agreement filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

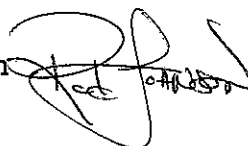
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of September, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chairman



ATTEST:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller



Executive Director